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Doctor quits animal organ transplant project

LONDON, Aug. 2, (AP): A British surgeon involved in a plan to use pigs' organs for human transplants abruptly quit the project Monday in a dispute with colleagues but said research would continue.

Dr Michael Bewick said fellow researchers at Dulwich Hospital had told him to "shut up or get out."

Bewick, 52, said the research team was furious that without their consent he had announced that the hospital intended to study the feasibility of transplanting kidneys, livers and hearts from pigs into people.

Animal rights groups responded to the press coverage by labeling the idea a "horror fantasy" and "gross abuse of animal life." They called on the government to ban the project.

Bewick, a kidney transplant specialist, said the research team feared the controversy might harm its chances of obtaining facilities to carry out the work.

"For the sake of the group and the work they are doing, I decided it would be right for me to leave," Bewick said. He stressed they had "the brains and technical skills" to proceed without him.

Situation

A hospital spokesman said he would meet with Bewick and the research team to assess the situation.

Earlier Monday, Independent newspaper, quoted Bewick as saying the programme posed "no ethical problem... animal kidneys could save the lives of thousands of people who die because we do not have an off-the-shelf kidney."

Before his withdrawal from the project, Bewick had offered to meet with animal rights groups to discuss their concerns. He said he feared attacks on his personal property and the hospital.

Bewick said over the weekend that the hospital's research team had discovered a way to filter out antibodies that cause humans to reject donor organs.

The new technique had helped 20 patients accept human kidneys more easily, he said.

No one can accuse us of hiding things: Soviet official

Carlucci sees Blackjack bomber

MOSCOW, Aug. 2, (Agencies): The Soviet Union unveiled its top-secret Blackjack strategic bomber and put on an impressive display of tank defence and attack operations today for visiting US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci.

After 15 minutes on board the huge white, sharp-nosed Blackjack, counterpart of the American B-1, at the Kubinka air base some 60 km (40 miles) west of Moscow, Carlucci pronounced it "a very impressive aircraft."

Impressive

"They let me sit in the cockpit, but I couldn't tell an instrument from another," Carlucci told reporters. "It can fly like our B-1 at low altitudes and carries a very substantial payload."

Carlucci finished the viewing portion of the second day of his visit to the Soviet Union by watching live fire exercises with his counterpart Dmitry Yazov.

And as he spoke two more Blackjacks, in shape resembling the Anglo-French supersonic Concorde and never before seen in flight by Western military experts, came swooping down over the airfield from the east.

The Blackjack bomber, which can fire a cruise missile from 3,000 miles (4,800 km), first appeared in 1986, and the Pentagon adds another dimension to the Soviet ability to strike deep into the American heartland with nuclear weapons.

Barred

"We promised to show it to him. And there it is," commented one Soviet officer with a grin. "No one can accuse us of hiding things."

Also on display for Carlucci at Kubinka, in an area normally barred to foreigners, were a

MiG-29 fighter, an IL-72 refuelling transport plane, and the world's largest helicopter, the MI-26.

"This is a display of some of the most up-to-date Air Force equipment they have," said an American officer with Carlucci, on a four-day visit to the Soviet Union under a new programme of military exchanges between the superpowers.

Before Carlucci arrived at the base, reporters saw two MiG-29s, one of the most advanced combat aircraft in the Soviet arsenal, land and taxi to a remote part of the base.

From Kubinka, Carlucci, once deputy head of the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), was driven to the headquarters of the elite Taman guards division closer to Moscow where he saw more modern equipment in simulated battle scenes.

A two-part operation involving tanks, helicopters and anti-tank rockets was staged for him, with the stages explained by an English-speaking Soviet officer as Carlucci stood on a wooden platform and watched through binoculars.

US officials had hoped the defence secretary, described by Moscow commentators as "a realist" despite his expressed reservations about Soviet military posture, would be shown some of the Soviet Union's newest equipment.

"There is no doubt — this is state-of-the-art battlefield gear," said one American officer.

Carlucci came to Moscow one month after Soviet Chief of Staff Marshal Sergei Akhromeyev visited the United States where he was shown some of the latest American hardware, including the B-1.

Guidebook to the future released

US presidents peer into 1990s

STANFORD, California, Aug. 2, (AP): President Reagan sees communism on the run; Jimmy Carter is concerned about another oil crisis; and Gerald Ford worries about "an economic time bomb" in the nation's deficit.

Along with former President Richard Nixon, the former leaders are among 47 of America's top statesmen and scholars who peer into the 1990s in a cautionary, mostly conservative guidebook to the future released for review yesterday.

"We must not fall into the trap of thinking that a reduction in US-Soviet tensions means the end of the conflict," Nixon warns in "Thinking about America — the United States in the 1990s."

Trouble spots

The 590-page book, which goes on sale in September, was published by the influential Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace, based on Stanford University.

Despite a few pieces by liberals and moderates, most of the contributors are conservatives. Nixon was President from 1968

to 1974. Ford from 1974 to 1976. Carter from 1976 to 1980. Reagan was elected in 1980 and will end his tenure in January next year.

Physicist and "Star Wars" defence advocate Edward Teller, former Defence Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger, and former National Security Adviser Richard V. Allen write about the need for strong defence. Special envoy Philip Habib discusses the world's trouble spots.

Reagan sees the world heading into the "information age" with great advances to come in computers and telecommunications that will play a large role in opening up communist countries.

He says the communist system faces a dilemma because of information technology. If it allows technology to develop for economic growth, it risks challenges to the party's monopoly of power. If it resists modernisation for fear of losing political control, it will fall farther behind.

"Probably it has no choice," he says. "These regimes will find they cannot resist the forces of change and the power of the

human right."

Carter hopes for improved relations with the Soviet Union but says the United States must be cautious in negotiations with Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev.

Reversal

The United States also must "accommodate the burgeoning influence of such countries as China, Japan and Brazil," he says.

He said the United States could face another energy crisis in the 1990s and must overcome "a lackadaisical attitude (that) is now causing a disturbing reversal of our nation's domestic production and importation of foreign oil."

Ford says the United States' deepening debt poses a more serious problem.

"Unless we as a nation face up to the facts of fiscal reality and responsibility, and the sacrifices required to restore it, the economic time bomb we are sitting on will do us in as surely as any sudden enemy assault," says Ford.

Cry Freedom goes underground

JOHANNESBURG, Aug. 2, (Reuters): The anti-apartheid film "Cry Freedom," banned from public screening in South Africa, has gone underground with pirate tapes selling for up to 300 rand (\$150), a film industry representative said today.

Edward Askew of Southern Africa Film and Video Security, an independent body which monitors piracy of films, said videotapes of Sir Richard Attenborough's film had been imported illegally earlier this year when Pretoria had not made up its mind whether the film could be shown in the country.

Last Friday government censors unexpectedly passed the film, which depicts the life and death of South African black activist Steve Biko, but hours later police raided cinemas across the country and confiscated copies.

Askew told Reuters that tapes of the film were now available under the counter and pirate distributors were cashing in.

"There are now at least 350 pirate copies selling for anything up to 300 rand," Askew said.

"We saw pirate copies of the film two months ago, but we could not take any action under circumstances which existed at the time," Askew said.



Arirkyan (right) is embraced by a cousin upon his arrival in Paris from Rome. (Reuters wirephoto)

Expelled Armenian wavers on US exile

PARIS, Aug. 2, (UPI): Armenian dissident Paruyr Arirkyan, arriving from Rome, received an official welcome amid applause and tears from emigres and said he has not decided whether to take up exile in the United States or France.

About 50 Armenians bearing bouquets of lilies and wild flowers and placards with pro-Armenian slogans mobbed the dissident at the VIP lounge of Charles de Gaulle Airport.

French Secretary of State for Humanitarian Affairs Bernard Kouchner handed the bearded Arirkyan a permit granting him free movement in France until Aug. 15.

"You are a free man, Monsieur Arirkyan. We admire you for this tenacity and we are happy to welcome you among us, whatever your choice of residence may be," Kouchner said.

Kouchner made it clear Arirkyan could settle in France if he wished.

Arirkyan, looking composed in a gray suit and tie, denounced his expulsion July 23 to Ethiopia from the Soviet Union, which he

said was "the expression of the impotence of the Soviet authorities."

The Armenian question, he said, was not an "egotistical nationalism" obsession but a question of "democratisation."

He was asked where he would take up residence.

Decision

"I will make my definitive decision once I have taken stock, when I have seen where I can be of use to my country," he said, speaking in Russian through an interpreter.

"Right now I am leaning towards the United States, maybe for a subjective reason, because the first document I saw in Ethiopia was a communiqué of the US Embassy, which said they were willing to take me."

But he added "wherever I live my intention is to return to my country and continue my struggle among my people."

He also criticised Italian authorities who he said prevailed upon him during his three days in Italy not to take the Soviets over the coals.

Police disperse Leningrad rally

MOSCOW, Aug. 2, (AP): Police in Leningrad broke up a demonstration by about 1,000 people who displayed placards and banners critical of the Kremlin's handling of ethnic disputes, a Moscow activist reported today.

Police detained 27 of the participants and filed criminal charges against 10 in the last night demonstration at Nevsky Square, said Yevgenia Debyanskaya of the unofficial Democratic Union political group.

She said she was informed of the incident by telephone by Valery Terkhov, a Democratic Union activist in Leningrad.

The demonstrators displayed signs critical of the leadership's handling of a dispute between Armenians and Azerbaijanis over control of the Nagorno-Karabakh region, as well as other aspects of relations among the Soviet Union's more than 100 nationalities, Ms Debyanskaya said.

Participants also passed around pictures of victims of the Feb 28 rioting in Sumgait, an Azerbaijani city where 32 were killed when youths went on rampage to protest the Armenian claims to Nagorno-Karabakh, a

predominantly Armenian enclave in Azerbaijan.

Those arrested in the Leningrad demonstration face fines of \$80, Ms Debyanskaya said.

Meanwhile the rival Communist Party chiefs of Armenia and Azerbaijan met today in the troubled capital of a region at the centre of a territorial dispute between their two Soviet republics, Tass news agency reported.

Also present at the meeting, the first of its type between leaders of the two transcaucasian republics since major unrest bringing mass demonstrations and bloody rioting flared earlier this year, was Kremlin envoy Arkady Volsky.

The encounter, the first major public step towards reconciliation between the two leaderships, took place in Stepanakert, mountain capital of the largely Armenian-inhabited but Azerbaijani-ruled Nagorno-Karabakh region.

Tass said the three were joined by the region's own party leader, Genrikh Pogosyan, who had supported demands by its majority population — now rejected by Moscow — for secession from Azerbaijan and transfer to Armenia.

Kidnappers free Italian boy

LOCRI, Italy, Aug. 2, (UPI): Kidnappers under pressure from hundreds of searching police freed eight-year-old Marco Fiora today after holding him captive for 17 months in one of Italy's most heart-rending kidnappings for ransom.

The kidnappers turned the boy loose near the hill town of Gimino, on the fringe of the bandit-ridden Aspromonte Mountains on the toe of Italy, police announced. He was found by foresters and taken to police headquarters at Locri, a small port on the eastern coast of Calabria.

Ransom

Marco was dressed in a dirty T-shirt and rough cotton trousers held up by string and had long dirty hair. Police doctors who examined him said he was in "fair condition, but very tired." The wife of a Carabinieri (paramilitary national police) gave him a bath and a change of clothing.

Police said the bandits freed the boy apparently because they feared capture by hundreds of police backed by tracked vehicles who had been combing the

mountain area since early Monday.

They said Marco's father, Turin Garage owner Gianfranco Fiora, 46, had paid only one first instalment of 285 million (\$211,000) of a 3 billion lire (\$2.2 million) ransom demand, last December.

Knowing police were hot on the trail of the bandits, the father was staying in a hotel in the Calabrian town of Scilla at the time of Marco's release. He phoned his wife, Piera, 42, at their Turin bachelorette to give her the news.

"I am too overcome with emotion to speak," Mrs Fiora told reporters in Turin. "Now I cannot wait until I see Marco again."

It was the happy end of a drama that caused anguish in Italy for 17 months during which Pope John Paul II, the archbishop and mayor of Turin, were among those who made appeals to the bandits to release the 8-year-old boy.

The state-run television network featured several programmes on the case and last month entertainment personalities joined hundreds of other people in appealing for the boy's release at a Turin rally.

Angola peace talks open with optimism on accord

GENEVA, Aug. 2, (AP): US mediated talks to achieve peace in Angola and independence for South-West Africa entered a crucial phase today on a note of optimism but with hard bargaining still ahead.

After a long history of failures in international efforts toward a settlement, closed-door negotiations which started last May in London, went into a fifth round that may be decisive in wrapping up an accord.

Informal meetings between participants delayed the official opening of the talks at Geneva's bunker-like international conference centre. The US team and the joint Angolan-Cuban delegation arrived ahead of the South Africans.

A US spokesman, Art Skop, said US officials would maintain a news embargo until a press conference planned by Chester Crocker, the US assistant

secretary of state for African affairs, after completion of the Geneva round.

Hopes have been buoyed by an agreement announced in New York on July 20 on a delicately balanced set of 14 principles designed to establish the basis of peace in the region.

It was the first ever joint document accepted by the three parties locked in an undeclared war since 1975. The principles envisage an end to South African administration of South-West Africa, also known as Namibia, and the withdrawal of all Cuban troops from Angola.

Crocker, who acts as a mediator in the talks, has described the accord as an "important step" but has warned that a "great many hard and difficult compromises have yet to be achieved."

Comments from other parties directly involved ranged from

cautious optimism voiced by South African officials to Cuban President Fidel Castro's statement last week that the talks are "on the threshold of a political solution."

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Anatoly Adamyshin, who completed two days of preliminary consultations with Crocker yesterday, told a news conference chances are good of a settlement "in the nearest future."

Moscow is not directly involved but has been regularly consulted by the United States. Both superpowers have spoken of a growing convergence of views on the regional issues.

South Africa's mandate over Namibia was terminated by the United Nations in 1966. But in defiance of several UN Security Council resolutions, South Africa has retained control of the country.

US-Soviet talks on Gulf end

GENEVA, Aug. 2, (Reuters): US Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy and Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Vladimir Polyakov today ended two-day private talks on the Middle East peace process and Gulf war, a US spokesman said.

"The talks wound up after a morning and lunch session," the spokesman said. "There will be no press statement."

No Soviet spokesman was available to comment on the consultations.

Murphy will leave Geneva on Wednesday for a four-nation tour which will take him to Israel, Jordan, Syria and Egypt.



Women demonstrators sing a song while displaying placards highlighting attitudes to women in the church outside the Lambeth conference centre in Canterbury. (Reuters wirephoto)

Compromise reached on women bishops

CANTERBURY, Aug. 2, (AP): An overwhelming majority of the world's Anglican bishops voted for a carefully worded compromise resolution on women priests and bishops, designed to keep their churches together despite deep divisions over the issue.

In the vote last night, the bishops representing 70 million Anglicans in 164 countries said the churches must respect one another's decisions and attitudes whether they agree with them or not and maintain communications with bishops who may differ and with any woman bishop.

The voting by hands was 423-28 with 19 abstentions.

The bishops faced a situation where the US Episcopalians and the Canadian and New Zealand Anglicans are considering consecrating a woman bishop this year, after admitting more than 1,000 women to the priesthood in the past 11 years.

The 27 Anglican churches worldwide are self-governing. They look to the Lambeth conference for guidance but the conference, which is holding its first meeting in Canterbury for 10

years, cannot give them orders.

But the extent of the bishops' anxiety was shown in a secret ballot which by 277-187 defeated a call to the churches to "refrain from consecrating a woman as bishop" because of the damage it would do to the Anglican communion.

The successful compromise was moved by conference participants who spent most of the first two weeks of the three-week gathering discussing and drafting it. The conference ends on Sunday.

The defeated resolution was proposed by Archbishop Donald Robinson of Sydney, Australia, who wants to keep the priesthood and Episcopate all-male and who said he wanted the secret ballot.

Robinson said a woman bishop was "contrary to the explicit teaching of the New Testament" and threatened a "fundamental breach" of scripture, faith and order.

Margaret Hewitt of England, who attended the conference as a member of the Anglican Consultative Council, was the only woman to speak in the debate.

Jordan keeps quiet on next move

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when he said Jordan would dismantle its legal and administrative ties with the West Bank after 38 years of unity.

The king said he was bowing to PLO and Arab pressure on Jordan to clear the way for an independent Palestinian state.

Intention

Information Minister Hani Al Khasawneh said King Hussein's intention had been to clear the political decks with the PLO to build a healthier relationship.

"He wanted to make clear to the PLO, the Arabs and the world that we will never put ourselves in competition with the PLO over who represents the Palestinians," Khasawneh said.

Jordan wanted to remove any cause for PLO sensitivity, even if it was unsure that the PLO could go alone.

Since the PLO is recognised by the Arabs and Palestinians as the sole legitimate representative, we cannot continue to fight over this point," he said.

Khasawneh said the practical effects of the rupture with the West Bank would be worked out in consultation with the PLO.

In Cairo, Egyptian Foreign Minister Emad Abdel Maguid said Jordan had not renounced its commitment to the search for Middle East peace by cutting ties with the West Bank.

He urged the PLO to "shoulder its national responsibility towards the Palestinian people in the occupied territories."

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin said on US television that King Hussein might re-enter the peace process after US and Israeli elections due in November.

The United States has reaffirmed its determination not to alter its Middle East peace plan despite King Hussein's dramatic move.

Insistence

The key to the American plan is Washington's insistence that Palestinians be represented at any peace talks with Israel as part of a joint delegation with Jordan and not — as Arabs demand — through the PLO.

Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy headed for the Midwest to seek an explanation from the Jordanian monarch and to assess prospects for peace talks.

Palestinians protest

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Security officials said the strike by the 1.5 million Palestinians of the occupied territories appeared to have gathered more support today following the latest expulsions.

The deportees, six from the West Bank and two from Gaza, were expelled for "being involved in organising and carrying out violent demonstrations," the Army said.

Lebanon said today it would lodge a complaint with the UN Security Council against Israel's deportation of eight Palestinian activists.

Birth rate

A government statement said Lebanon's UN Ambassador Rashid Fakhroury was instructed to file the protest on the grounds the Israeli move constituted a violation of human rights.

In another development, the Jerusalem Post reported that a group of prominent Israelis have formed an organisation to publicise the dangers the high Arab birth rate poses to the Jewish state.

Adulterated oil paralyses 400

CALCUTTA, Aug. 2, (Reuters): Adulterated cooking oil has paralysed more than 400 people and made thousands ill in this eastern Indian city, officials said today.

They said 11 people had so far been arrested in connection with the mass poisoning and police were still investigating.

It was the first official confirmation of the extent of the poisoning which has spread panic throughout Calcutta, a city of 10 million people and capital of West Bengal state.

"Somebody has been doing this deliberately," said state Information Minister Bhudadev Bhattacharya, admitting the government did not know who or why.

"We have admitted 415 people to hospital paralysed below the waist," he said.

The first victims began to appear two weeks ago and Calcutta's Telegraph newspaper quoted Health Minister Prasanta Sur as saying new cases were being reported every day.

The oil, contaminated with insecticide, was distributed through government-controlled food stores, officials said.

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Greek-Cypriot soldier dies in shooting

NICOSIA, Aug. 2. (Reuters): A teenaged Greek-Cypriot soldier has died after a Turkish-Cypriot guard shot him on the island's tense green line, hospital sources said today.

Greek-Cypriot government troops guarding the ceasefire line between the divided communities in Cyprus have been put on higher alert since Sunday's shooting, the Defence Ministry said.

The ministry charged in a statement that 19-year-old Evagoras Evagorou had been shot in cold blood.

It said he was unarmed and wearing shorts when he entered the Nicosia buffer zone between Greek and Turkish-Cypriot forces after he had reached an understanding with a Turkish guard.

Defence Minister Andreas Alogoskoufis said soldiers from both sides sometimes exchanged cigarettes, fruit, or insults in Nicosia where the buffer zone is only meters wide in places.

"We try to discourage it," he said, but added that exchanges were human and unavoidable when bored youngsters stared at one another most of the day.

A Turkish-Cypriot statement from breakaway North Cyprus said a Turkish-Cypriot, not a mainland Turk, shot Evagorou.

It said the soldier warned Evagorou verbally and fired a warning shot. He then fired again to prevent Evagorou from approaching Turkish lines, the statement said.

Alogoskoufis called the Turkish-Cypriot version "ridiculous."

Doctors said one bullet smashed from behind into Evagorou's right kidney and part of his liver. Another hit his wrist, they said.

Japan faces week-long earthquakes

TOKYO, Aug. 2. (UPI): Seismologists today predicted a week-long swarm of nearly 12,000 earthquakes southwest of Tokyo will continue to produce tremors up to 6.0 on the Richter scale, but won't lead to the big one.

The quakes, most too weak to be felt but some reaching 5.4 on the Richter scale, began rattling the scenic Izu Peninsula on July 26, shattering windows, cracking plaster and disrupting schedules of numerous high speed trains during the busy summer holiday season.

Although an annual occurrence in the popular hot springs region some 100 miles (160 km) southwest of Tokyo, the tremors this year are the strongest in a decade, seismologists said. The last big quake to hit the peninsula measured 7.0 on the open-ended Richter scale on Jan. 16, 1978, leaving 25 people dead.

Warned

Since 1983, the government has warned that Japan's next great quake would occur in the same Tokai region, which embraces Mt. Fuji as well as the peninsula studded with more than 100 sulphuric hot springs along with popular beaches.

The killer quake, according to the prediction, would equal the 8.3 intensity of the great Kanto earthquake that levelled Tokyo and Yokohama on Sept. 1, 1923, killing more than 140,000 people.

Crowding blamed for jetty collapse

KUALA LUMPUR, Aug. 2. (UPI): The agency responsible for the maintenance of the ferry jetty which collapsed on Sunday, killing at least 31 people and injuring 600 others, denied today it was negligent and blamed overcrowding for the disaster.

"The platform collapsed because there was a large concentration of people moving in a crowd towards a ferry," said Penang port commission chairman Syed Mohamed Aaidid.

"My officers tried to control them but there was pushing and shoving as about 1,000 people rushed to board the ferry," he said in a telephone interview from the west coast resort island of Penang.

He said the wooden pier was jammed with people trying to catch a ferry from the port town of Butterworth across to Penang in time for the Goddess of Mercy, Chinese religious festival.

"There was no negligence on the part of the port commission," Syed Mohamed said. "The last safety check was done two months ago."

Initial reports suggested that the 32-year-old platform gave way when bolts holding the wooden floor boards together slipped sending people crashing on a lower deck and onto cars and

Soviet general praises Afghan troops

Army can defend Afghanistan

MOSCOW, Aug. 2. (Reuters): A senior Soviet general said today the Afghan Army was now a steel fighting force and could defend the country against Muslim rebels without foreign support.

Colonel-General Vladimir Vostrov, for years senior Soviet adviser with the Afghan forces, told the Defence Ministry newspaper Red Star his view was shared "by everyone who has a close knowledge of the situation in Afghanistan."

Offensive

"I must underline that the Afghan Army has grown in number in recent years, has become stronger ideologically and has acquired the necessary battle experience," Vostrov said.

"This all enables it to solve independently the task of defending the achievements of the Afghan people."

In a separate report from the official Tass news agency, Red

Star quoted a senior Afghan commander as denying reports from Western diplomats in Islamabad that Soviet forces were participating in a sweep against guerrillas near Kabul.

General Shah Nawaz Tanai, chief of Afghanistan's general staff, told a Tass correspondent the Afghan Army was preparing an offensive to clear rebels from around the capital and neighbouring Paghman province.

The drive was necessary "because the recent rocket bombardments (in which dozens of people have been killed or injured) showed the extremists are concentrating forces around Kabul," the general said.

The "liquidation of terrorist groups... will be carried out exclusively by Afghan forces," he added, according to Tass.

And the agency quoted a spokesman for the Soviet command in Afghanistan as saying Soviet forces "are taking no direct part in military operations either in

Kabul province or in any other areas of the country."

In another development, Tass said Pakistan Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yakub Khan was arriving in Moscow on Tuesday night — apparently for talks on the situation in Afghanistan.

Tass said Pakistani support for the Muslim guerrillas fighting for the overthrow of the Kabul administration of President Najibullah was a direct violation of Geneva agreements in April that led to the start of the Soviet troop withdrawal from Afghanistan.

Terrorism

"It can be said that at the present time Pakistan has been drawn into direct terrorist activities against the Republic of Afghanistan," Tass said.

The Soviet agency said Moscow officials regarded as "hostile and irresponsible" a recent charge by Pakistani President Zia-ul-Haq that the troop with-

drawal had been halted.

"Of course, this falsification by Islamabad was unmasked. The withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan has not slowed down and is going according to the timetable," Tass added.

In his Red Star interview, Vostrov said he was in total disagreement with another Soviet general who said recently the Kabul government was torn with dissension and would fall when Soviet troops had left the country by early next year.

He said the general, Kim Tsagolov, who had also served as an adviser in Afghanistan in the early 1980s and briefly in 1987, was out of touch with developments there.

Tsagolov made his remarks in an interview with the Moscow weekly Ogonyok. He said what he knew of the state of the Afghan Army gave him no confidence it could keep the government in power when the Soviet troops were gone.

Hezbollah leader hopeful of settlement

Hostages may be freed by November

BEIRUT, Aug. 2. (AP): The spiritual guide of pro-Iranian Shiite Muslim extremists says American hostages held in Lebanon may be freed by the US presidential election next November.

"I do not have any detailed information on the hostages issue within the context of US-Iranian relations," said Sheikh Mohammed Hussein Fadlallah in an interview published by the Paris-based Al Mostakbal magazine.

"But I have a feeling that the problem of the hostages is an essential factor in the American presidential election because their card will be of no importance after the elections," Fadlallah told the Arabic-language weekly.

Fadlallah has previously predicted that the fate of the nine American hostages would be determined at the US presidential election.

But this was the first time he suggested they would be freed during the election campaign. The election is due Nov. 8. "My feeling is that the American hostages issue will be completely resolved just as the issue of the French hostages was," said Fadlallah, spiritual leader of Hezbollah.

Captors

Hezbollah is believed to be an umbrella for underground extremists holding most of the 18 foreigners missing in Lebanon since March 1985.

The last three French hostages in Lebanon were freed on May 4, a few days before the French presidential election in which incumbent Socialist Francois Mitterrand defeated right-wing Gaullist Prime Minister Jacques Chirac.

There was widespread speculation that Chirac pulled

off the French hostage release in a deal with Iran in a bid to improve his election chances.

An Anglican archbishop just back from a mission in Tehran said in London on Monday that Church of England envoy Terry Waite and the other hostages might be released by the end of the year.

"I would not be surprised if Terry Waite and the others were released before the end of the year," David Penman, the archbishop for Melbourne, told a news conference in Canterbury.

The Church of England sent bishop David Brown to Lebanon to speak to Christian leaders about four Iranians who disappeared while travelling in a Christian-controlled zone outside Beirut in July 1982.

They were presumed kidnapped but no one claimed responsibility. There have been unconfirmed reports they were killed.

Typhoid, hepatitis threaten Delhi

NEW DELHI, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Typhoid and hepatitis are threatening to follow the cholera epidemic now raging in New Delhi, doctors say.

Their warning comes as city officials accused each other of criminal negligence in allowing the health crisis to arise.

By today, in the month since monsoon rains brought cholera to the slums of east Delhi, city officials say 215 people have died. Hospitals are littered with victims.

Increase

The rains sent sewage seeping into the water supply pumped up by slum residents from government-installed handpumps.

"Cholera is the water-borne disease that takes hold first, but typhoid and hepatitis thrive in the same filthy conditions," said a doctor at the World Health Organisation (WHO).

"There is a very real danger that they will surface in east Delhi on the same scale cholera has done."

In the worst hit area, where

sewage raked from open drains lies in stinking heaps by the road, typhoid and hepatitis are already on the rise.

"My doctors tell me there has been an increase in both diseases, but we have yet to determine the scale of it," said K. Agarwal, head of a hospital surrounded by slums.

Since Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi visited east Delhi on July 22 and said he was appalled by the squalor, political heads have rolled.

Health, development and administrative bodies have accused each other of criminal negligence in allowing a third of the capital's people to live in desperately unhealthy conditions.

Last Friday, the Lieutenant-Governor of New Delhi, the city's chief executive, resigned and health officials have been replaced.

"All these people are there sitting in their offices pointing at one another. But that doesn't solve a thing," communist politician Indrajit Gupta said in parliament.

Wild-man exists in China

BEIJING, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Researchers pursuing the elusive "wild-man" of central China have concluded from examining thousands of strands of hair that it does exist and is a high form of primate, a Shanghai newspaper reported.

Chinese have recounted dozens of sightings of mysterious red-haired people in the Shennongjia mountain region of Hubei province but none have been captured.

People say the animal is tall, covered completely with hair and can run quickly and laugh. The president of China's "wild-man" research society was quoted by the Wen Hui Bao daily on Monday as saying examinations with high-powered microscopes of 8,000 pieces of hair showed the being is not a human, a bear or an ape.

Trace elements and the atomic structure of the hair show the creature is a hitherto unknown form of primate closely related to humans, said Liu Minzhuang, who is also a biology lecturer at Shanghai's Huadong University.

Study of Islam compulsory in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Aug. 2. (AP): The study of Islam has been made compulsory for Muslim school children in Bangladesh, a senior Education Ministry official said.

A government decision was made on Sunday to require "diniyat" or Islamic studies, as a school subject for students up to the 10th grade, said the official who spoke on condition of anonymity. He said the rule would take effect in the academic year beginning in January.

The law applies only to Muslim students, but children of the minority Buddhist, Hindu and Christian communities would be required to study their respective religions, the official said.

The new law comes amid increasing Islamisation in the country. A law making Islam the national religion was passed earlier this year.

Until the new law was passed, Bangladesh had a secular constitution, which it adopted in 1971 after gaining independence from Pakistan.

The law has been criticised by opposition groups in the country, who term it an attempt by President Hussain Mohammed Ershad to divert attention from charges of misrule and inefficiency.



Thatcher in the cockpit of a Royal Flying Doctor Service aircraft in Australia during a visit to the medical airborne service for the thinly populated areas. (Reuters wirephoto)

Thatcher arrives in Australia

CANBERRA, Aug. 2. (AP): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived in the Australian capital today on the first official visit to Australia by a serving British leader in 30 years.

Mrs Thatcher and her husband, Denis, flew aboard a Royal Air Force VC-10 jet transport. Prime Minister Bob Hawke and his wife, Hazel, met the Thatchers at the Royal Australian Air Force base at Fairbairn, outside Canberra.

After brief welcoming ceremonies, the Thatcher motorcade left for government house, where they met with Governor-General Sir Ninian Stephen.

Mrs Thatcher earlier in the day condemned an Irish Republican Army bomb attack on a British Army barracks near her electorate in England, describing it as "a negation of democracy."

Mrs Thatcher made the comments during her tour of the broadcasting headquarters of the Alice Springs School of the Air, which carries school lessons to children on cattle stations and settlements in the remote outback.

Syria planning war, says Israeli general

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 2. (AP): The commander of Israel's northern forces warned Syria was planning a war against the Jewish state to recapture the Golan Heights, the Maariv daily reported today.

Maj. Gen. Yossi Peled spoke to members of the left-leaning Labour Party as they toured the Golan yesterday, Maariv said. Israel captured the strategic plateau from Syria during the 1967 Middle East war.

"Syria is definitely planning another war against Israel. Her clear mission is the Golan Heights, but if the campaign succeeds, as she hopes, then Syria has other missions afterward like Tiberias, Afula, Safed and more," Peled said, listing three cities in northern Israel's Galilee.

Peled said despite Syria's dire economic straits, the Army has concentrated in recent years on purchasing advanced weapons and improving the Air Force.

"Given Syria's severe economic situation, the military readiness and motivation for another war remind one of a hungry family that uses its last pennies to buy a pistol instead of a loaf of bread," he said.

Meanwhile, a Syrian newspaper today attacked this week's Middle East tour by US special envoy Richard Murphy.

The official daily Tishreen said Murphy's tour followed concessions given by the PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in a document by his political adviser Bassam Abu Sharif which, Tishreen said, recognised Israel.

"The document and the contacts were based on demands by Secretary of State George Shultz for encouraging factors to make his fifth tour of the region," the newspaper said.

Palestinian leaders in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip last month said the Abu Sharif proposal calling for direct talks with Israel within the framework of an international peace conference was a response to the Arab uprising in the occupied territories.

Murphy, who is visiting Middle East capitals this week, is due to report back to Washington following his trip which comes only days after King Hussein's announcement that Jordan was cutting its administrative ties with the West Bank.

Compensation remains main issue

US bases talks resume in Manila

MANILA, Aug. 2. (UPI): Negotiators were "back in business" after talks resumed today between Philippine and US officials following a week-long standoff over payments to the United States for the use of Clark Air Base and Subic Bay Naval Base until current agreements expire in 1991.

Amount

Manila broke off the talks July 26 saying the sides were so far apart he doubted they could ever get together. He later said he was not prepared to return to the table unless the United States showed it was prepared to be "flexible."

Manila is seeking \$1.2 billion a year in economic, military and commodity aid for the use of the bases, America's largest foreign installations, up from the \$180

million a year promised during the last such review in 1983.

Sources said Manglapus' panel had thought the Americans were prepared to pay close to \$1 billion, but became upset when they found out the figure included \$500 million in local spending and salaries for base workers, amounts that were never before counted as aid.

The talks, which also deal with administrative matters such as perimeter security and working conditions for Filipino base workers, are seen as a precedent for more important talks expected as early as next year on the long-term future of the bases.

For the bases to remain after the current treaty expires in 1991 would require negotiation of whole new treaty and ratification by the Senates of both countries.

Hamadi linked to TWA hijacking

FRANKFURT, Aug. 2. (AP): A second witness in the trial of Mohammed Ali Hamadi has directly linked the defendant to the 1985 TWA hijacking to Beirut, according to evidence presented in court today.

Hamadi has been charged with air piracy and murder in the June 1985 commandeering of TWA flight 847 to Beirut.

Also today, court spokesman Falk Thomas told reporters that the pilots of the hijacked jet were scheduled to testify in Frankfurt in September.

As the trial entered its fourth week, chief judge Heiner Mueckenberger read from a report police prepared after questioning witness Hamza Kassim about a conversation with Hamadi's older brother, Abbas.

"You told police, 'Abbas told me that Mohammed was arrested because he was a hijacker of the American airplane. Abbas said Mohammed is to be extradited to the United States. Abbas didn't say how he knew about this, but I assume that he had heard it from Mohammed,'" Mueckenberger quoted the report as saying.

Asked about the report, Kassim responded: "It could be that I told that to the police."

"Are you afraid to repeat it?" Mueckenberger asked.

"No, but I can't remember now," Kassim told the heavily guarded Frankfurt courtroom. Kassim said he was a Palestinian who lived in Lebanon before coming to Germany in 1979. He now lives in the town of Merzig in

Saarland state, near the former residence of Abbas Hamadi.

Mueckenberger said police questioned Kassim after Mohammed Hamadi's arrest in January 1987, but did not specify the date.

Last week Gaazi Yazbeck, a Lebanese man who lives in West Germany and knows the two Hamadis, was asked in court if Mohammed Hamadi ever mentioned the hijacking to him.

"No, Mohammed said nothing. But his brother, Abbas, said Mohammed had something to do with the hijacking," Yazbeck replied.

"He just said it, he was sort of bragging," Yazbeck told the court.

Yazbeck said the conversation occurred "a few weeks after the airplane was hijacked" at a bar in Saarland state.

Mohammed Hamadi, who lived in West Germany from 1982 to 1984, has not been asked directly about the hijacking.

Eight killed in Tamil attacks

COLOMBO, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Five Sinhalese villagers and three Indian soldiers were killed in attacks by Tamil guerrillas in Sri Lanka, officials said today.

A Sri Lankan military official said four members of one family and their servant were hacked to death with knives and swords on Monday in their home at Akkaraipattu in the east.

The victims were a businessman, his wife, son, daughter-in-law and a servant, all members of Sri Lanka's majority Sinhalese community.

The official said the guerrillas were probably trying to drive away the few Sinhalese people living in Akkaraipattu. Most of whose residents are minority Tamils and Muslims.

An Indian High Commission spokeswoman said three Indian soldiers were killed and four wounded in an explosion set off by Tamil separatist guerrillas in the northern district of Vavuniya on Monday.

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New US envoy to Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Aug. 2. (AP): US Ambassador-designate Walter L. Cutler has arrived and will resume his former post as envoy to Saudi Arabia as soon as King Fahd accepts and approves his credentials, embassy diplomats said today.

"No decision has been made regarding when his credentials will be presented," said a US embassy spokesman who cannot be named under standing rules.

Until then, deputy chief of mission David J. Dunford will continue to handle all official contacts, according to the spokesman.

Cutler left the Kingdom in July 1987 after a three-year tour of duty and was replaced by Hume Horan, who was called back to Washington "on consultations" last March.

For the past year, Cutler has been diplomat-in-residence at Georgetown University in Washington DC.

A career foreign service officer, he has also served as ambassador to Tunisia and Zaire and has held various other State Department posts in Washington and overseas since 1957.

Re-examination demanded

By Faisal Al Quenee

THE lawyer defending the "Firdous Rambo" has demanded that the body of the security man killed during the hostage drama be re-examined in order to determine the calibre of the weapon used and the exact cause of his death.

The 21-year-old victim died in hospital, several days after being hit in the head by a bullet during an exchange of fire with the accused, who had taken his family hostage and threatened to kill them.

The lawyer, Fahad Naser Al Ajmi has demanded that the jury visit the site of the incident and that his client be referred to a psychiatrist for examination.

In the trial session held the day before yesterday, Al Ajmi submitted several documents and reports to justify his demands. The session continued for three hours, at the end of which the court set Aug 14 as the date on which sentence will be passed.

The prosecution tabled several accusations against the man, the most serious of which were premeditated murder, kidnapping, keeping hostages, use of arms, destruction of government property, attempted murder and endangering public safety.

Houses to be distributed

THE National Housing Authority (NHA) has asked citizens who submitted applications for houses in Rabia area and land allotments in Firdous, Fintas and Qurain, to contact the authority for completion of procedures according to the assistant director general Fares Al Ajel.

He added that Rabia project consists of 490 houses, and distribution of 1,285 land allotments in the Firdous area and 638 land allotments in Qurain will be undertaken.

Al Ajel said that citizens who applied prior to October 1981 will be allocated these houses and lands as from the end of this year.

US arms for Kuwait

Composition of Maverick sale will be changed

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2. (Reuters): A dispute between Congress and the administration that threatened to derail a planned \$1.9-billion military sale to Kuwait may be on the way to being resolved, officials and congressional aides said yesterday.

The proposed sale, which includes 40 F-18 warplanes and a variety of missiles, had aroused opposition in Congress because of fears the weapons could be used against Israel.

In an action that administra-

tion officials said jeopardised the whole deal, the Senate three weeks ago voted 75-15 for an amendment by Senator Dennis DeConcini, an Arizona Democrat, to strip 300 Maverick missiles from the package.

Under a proposed compromise the composition of the Maverick sale would be changed and the administration would provide Congress with assurances designed to remove concerns that the planes could be used against Israel.

Under the original deal,

Kuwait was to buy 200 model D Mavericks used primarily to destroy tanks and 100 new model G Mavericks intended for use against larger targets including warships. Both types of missile are infrared guided.

Under the compromise Kuwait would buy 300 Maverick G missiles.

Last year Congress blocked administration plans to sell 1,600 Maverick D missiles to Saudi Arabia. The Maverick G has not previously been sold abroad.

The compromise also includes assurances that the delivery of the Mavericks would be delayed until the F-18s were operational. Official said the planes could not be delivered before three years' time.

In addition, the compromise contains assurances that Kuwait could not base the planes outside of the country, that their range could not be extended with aerial refuelling equipment, and that the sale would not set a precedent for selling arms to another country.

Downing of Iranian Airbus

US investigators present report

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2. (Reuters): A US Navy team which investigated the July 3 downing of an Iranian airliner by an American cruiser in the Gulf presented its report to the Central Command in Tampa yesterday, defence officials said.

But the officials, who asked not to be identified, said release of an unclassified version of the report is not expected until later this month after it is reviewed by the Pentagon joint chiefs of staff and US Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci.

Swirled

Controversy has swirled around the incident, in which the Navy electronic warfare cruiser Vincennes mistook the Iran Air A-300 Airbus for an Iranian F-14 fighter jet and shot it down, killing all 290 passengers and crew.

The defence officials said Rear Admiral William Fogarty, who headed a six-member team which returned from the Gulf late last week, presented the report to Marine General George Crist yesterday.

Crist, who heads the Central Command based in Tampa, will study the report and pass it along with comments to the joint chiefs. Carlucci is expected to get it from them after he returns from a trip to Finland, the Soviet Union and Turkey.

Despite Pentagon assertions that the Airbus was sending signals identifying itself as both a fighter and a commercial jet and did not respond to radio warnings, congressional critics said the Vincennes' Aegis radar system should have been able to identify the plane.

Magnetised telephone card service to be expanded

THE Minister of Communications, Abdullah Al Sharhan, has said that the use of the magnetised telephone card will be extended to selected areas this year.

He added that the ministry will install 14 special telephone sets in a number of public places, such as the State Properties Department and the General Post Office in Fahd Al Saud Street.

The card can be obtained from post offices at values of three, five and ten dinars and can be used to make overseas calls by direct dialling.

Al Sharhan also noted that postal services are being re-evaluated by the ministry and added that a special team will be set up to reorganise the postal system and a new official and postal service personnel will be appointed.

He said that the ministry was holding continuous meetings to deal with the matter of improving services. The modernised system which is being applied at

Salmiya Central will be extended to other main post offices and the ministry would facilitate the obtaining of telephone services and would start applying unified GCC telephone and telex charges from the beginning of next year.

He also pointed out that the fourth stage of the telephone network development project had been completed and that the fifth stage would be under way in the near future.

Burnt to death

MANAMA, Aug. 2. (GNA): Two Indian workers sleeping in their room in the Muharraq area were burnt to death in a fire which broke out in the early hours of yesterday morning. A Bangladeshi worker, who later tried to commit suicide by drinking acid, is suspected of starting the fire.

One of the men died instantly, whilst the other made an unsuccessful attempt to escape. Police are investigating the incident.

Japan will send envoy to Iraq, Iran

TOKYO, Aug. 2. (AP): Japan will send a special envoy to Iran and Iraq to deliver Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita's letter urging the two warring Gulf states to work for peace in the Middle East, a Foreign Ministry official said today.

The official quoted Foreign Minister Sosuke Uno as saying today that Deputy Foreign Minister Takakazu Kuriyama would visit Tehran on Saturday and Sunday to meet with the Speaker of Iran's Parliament, Hashemi Rafsanjani.

Kuriyama then would go to Baghdad for talks on Aug 9-10 with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, Uno was quoted as saying.

Uno said without elaborating that the letter from Takeshita urges Iran and Iraq to accept a United Nations resolution calling for a ceasefire in their nearly eight-year-old war.

Kuriyama also will meet with UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar in New York, and with senior US State Department official Michael H. Armacost in Washington on Aug 12, Uno said.

Acting premier of Bahrain

BAHRAIN, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Bahraini Crown Prince Sheikh Hamad Bin Issa Al Khalifa has been appointed Acting Prime Minister while Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa Bin Salman Al Khalifa recuperates from an operation, the Gulf News Agency said today.

Sheikh Khalifa underwent an operation in Riyadh last week but no details were given.

ROYAL COURT

Amiri audience

HH the Amir yesterday received HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Soud Al Abdullah.

Crown Prince audiences

HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Soud Al Abdullah yesterday received Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah and Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed.

HH also received the Brazilian Ambassador to Kuwait Raymundo de Castro who took permission to leave after ending his mission in Kuwait.

Sheikh Soud later received the Algerian Ambassador to Kuwait Hasnawi Khaldi who called at the end of his mission here.

Preparing for the new academic year

THE director of Farwaniya educational area, Khaled Al Sulaim, said that preparation for the new academic year has begun.

He added that each school is preparing its budget and maintenance works have been taken in hand.

Pupils

Al Sulaim said about 63,600 pupils will study in different schools at Farwaniya which would include 5,850 children in kindergartens, 20,000 in the primary section, 22,000 in intermediate schools and 15,900 pupils in secondary schools. The number of schools in Farwaniya would total 85 in the new academic year, he said.

Statistically, 19,526 Kuwaiti boys, 20,315 Kuwaiti girls, 12,081 non-Kuwaiti boys and 11,672 non-Kuwaiti girls will study in the area.

This makes a percentage of 62.6 Kuwaiti pupils. Kuwaiti male teachers will account for 639 professionals and 1,397 will be Kuwaiti female teachers, with

1,146 non-Kuwaiti male and 2,933 non-Kuwaiti female teachers.

Kuwaiti teachers would, thus, constitute 49.5 per cent of total number of teachers in the area, he said.

Pressure

Al Sulaim pointed out that wooden classrooms are being built only where an urgent need arises due to pressure on schools and the state is doing its best to build more schools.

The area has begun preparations to open an intermediate school for boys during the new academic year, he added.

Sheikh Nawaf meets envoy

KUWAIT'S Defence Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al Ahmed yesterday received the French Ambassador to Kuwait Marcel L'Auel on the occasion of ending his mission in Kuwait. Cordial talks were exchanged during the meeting.

Secret offshore bases act as strong deterrent

ABOARD A MOBILE SEA BASE IN THE GULF, Aug. 2. (AP): Two weeks of tacit ceasefire in the Gulf's "tanker war" is no proof of peace for the sweltering warriors aboard Winbrown 7, one of two super-secret US Navy barges in the northern waterway.

By day, heavily armed patrol boats manned by navy commandos known as Seals continue to check out suspicious-looking dhows and fishing craft that venture too close, or could be sowing mines.

At night, specially-equipped Army helicopters make fleeting silhouettes as they skim over the water in near-silence, observing shipping activity with night-vision gear that reveals even the smallest craft or bit of flotsam in ghostly green detail.

Concerned

"As far as we're concerned, nothing's changed," said the commander of Winbrown 7, a Navy officer identifying himself only as "Gary." "Until we hear otherwise, we'll just continue to operate as we have been."

Winbrown 7 is one of two commercial barges hired by the Navy ten months ago as "mobile sea bases" to help support "Operation Earnest Will," to help US-flagged Kuwaiti tankers.

Equipped with military communications gear and a variety of weaponry including some not found on US warships, the bases

were conceived as a stopgap measure after both Kuwait and Saudi Arabia rejected US requests for land bases.

But American officers say a subsequent decline in Iranian attacks on neutral shipping in the northern Gulf has shown the barges have a "deterrence effect" far beyond original expectations.

"If anybody had known how well this idea would work they might have put them out here anyway," said an officer, speaking on condition he not be identified.

The barges, flying the Panamanian flag, are anchored in international waters outside Saudi Arabia's 12-mile limit and within 40 miles (64 kilometres) of Farsi Island, a base used by Iran's speedboat-borne revolutionary guards to attack ships bound to and from Kuwait and Saudi ports.

Attacks around Farsi tapered off in late 1987, and none was reported until just weeks before Iran's July 18 acceptance of a United Nations ceasefire proposal.

No attacks by Iraq or Iran have been reported anywhere in the Gulf since.

US officers say neither Winbrown 7 nor Hercules, the other barge farther north, has ever been directly threatened, but their mysterious helicopters and patrol boats have delivered enough surprises to discourage

Iranian ship attacks and mining. "From what we can determine, Iran has been unable to lay mines or attack shipping to the extent it did before, and has had to focus its efforts elsewhere," said "Alex," another officer serving aboard Winbrown 7.

Even so, he said, the Iranians presumably have known the barges exist. "We're in their backyard, and we don't think they're foolish or stupid," he said.

The barges are protected by a ring of floating anti-missile reflectors, which reportedly generate a radar image several times their actual size to fool incoming missiles.

Except for those and the guns, the barges resemble the many oil platforms and seagoing derricks that dot the Gulf waters.

Refused

Their existence was acknowledged by Washington officials last year, but Gulf-based officers have refused to discuss the operation, or its cost.

A senior Navy officer whose responsibilities include the entire Gulf said the barges are so security-conscious that "no body's welcome there—not even us."

The approximately 200 soldiers, sailors and marines aboard each barge are given no shore leave during their duty tours of 90 to 120 days, and cannot tell even their families where they are or what they are doing.

Although living conditions are cramped, amenities spartan and temperatures relentlessly over 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius), Winbrown 7 prides itself on "better food than any Navy ship," according to "Gary."

He said the two chow lines, "one spicy and one regular," meet the needs of both the military and the handful of Indian and Filipino civilian workers living on board.

"Alex" described his assignment as "out here on the pointy end of the stick" where, he said, "it's hot, it's lonely, and it's hot."

Recreation

He added, however, that recreation sometimes includes diving in "the world's biggest warm water pool."

When Defence Department officials lifted secrecy a few days ago to permit four journalists to visit Winbrown 7 for the first time, the rules specified "no last names" and no full-face pictures of men in sensitive roles, such as pilots.

The reception was coolly polite, but some officers barely concealed their anger that top Defence Department officials would permit exposure of secret operation to outsiders, especially news media.

The Army helicopter commander, a lieutenant colonel preface his briefing of the visitors by saying: "First, I want

to know why we're doing this."

He expressed concern that publicity could endanger his pilots' lives. And because they operate only at night, he refused to allow a daytime flight for the benefit of the television camera.

The helicopters, highly-classified versions of the OH-58 Scout aircraft, recently replaced smaller MH-6 "Seabats" that had flown off ships and barges since last year.

One pilot said the helicopters are so stealthy that fishermen and others in small craft rarely spot them, if ever.

"I've watched them pulling in their nets, but I've never seen them look up. As far as I can tell they never know we're here," he said.

On a daytime run with the journalists aboard, the Seals' 65-foot (20-metre) Mark III patrol boat did not use its police-type red flasher, but sailors manned weapons as it skirted within a mile (1.6 kilometre) of a fishing dhow.

"This is routine, but boats like that can lay mines or do any number of things, so we have to check 'em out," said one of the highly trained commandos, whose presence in the Gulf has been another military quasi-secret.

A sign in the patrol boat's cockpit said: "This operation is so secret that even I don't know what I'm doing."



A car caught fire on the Fifth Ring Road yesterday. A fireman is seen putting out the fire.

'Official cheating'

By Salem Al Wawan

CONSUMER demand in Kuwait covers a wide spectrum of commodities and could explain unawareness of customers in recognising or discriminating among different products.

Many consumers in Kuwait believe that display methods and advertisements have attracted many consumers to specific products and stated that consumers could fall victims to what officials term "official cheating".

Cheating could take many different forms, but, Kuwaiti law makers have enacted laws to confront and prevent cheating.

A local newspaper conducted interview to obtain various opinions.

Dr Tema Al Shemari, the as-

istant law college dean said that Kuwait's rapid commercial development during the past few years necessitated enacting laws to prevent cheating in commercial transactions.

He said the Minister of Commerce was empowered to close shops which violated administrative laws and in certain circumstances, their trade licences could be withdrawn.

The head of the commercial cheating section at the consumer protection department in the Ministry of Commerce Riya Mulla Husain said that consumers are urged to take keen notice of the source and kind of product including dates of manufacture and expiry and called upon residents to report any incidents of cheating or other commercial malpractices.

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Iraq, Iran lobby Gulf states

BAHRAIN, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Iran and Iraq are waging a diplomatic campaign to win the backing of Gulf Arab states for their stands on ceasefire negotiations at the United Nations.

Top Iraqi officials went to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) and Bahrain today while Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Ali Mohammad Besharati made a second stop in the UAE after visiting Oman and Qatar.

Delivered

Reports by official news agencies on their visits gave no details of their missions except to say they delivered messages from their presidents about implementing UN Security Council Resolution 598 ordering a Gulf war ceasefire.

But a Gulf-based diplomat said: "One can imagine both sides are intensely seeking support for positions presented at the United Nations."

Iran's UN envoy said yesterday that announcement of a ceasefire was being delayed only by Iraq's insistence that direct talks between Baghdad and Tehran must be held first. Tehran says direct talks are possible only after a ceasefire is in place.

Baghdad maintains that face-to-face negotiations are the only way to establish whether Iran is sincere in seeking peace or whether it wants a ceasefire merely as a delaying tactic before renewing the war.

Of Gulf Arab states, Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have given the firmest backing to Iraq.

Others, Oman and the UAE in particular, have extensive trade links with Iran and have sought to maintain a balance in their relations between the combatants.

Backing

Iraq sent First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan to Bahrain today where he had talks with the Amir, Sheikh Isa Bin Sulman Al Khalifa.

At the same time, Saadoun Shakir Mahmoud, a member of Iraq's Revolutionary Command Council who visited Qatar and Oman yesterday, was meeting UAE President Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan Al Nahayan.

Iran's Besharati, returning to the UAE for a second time after trips to Oman and Qatar, had talks with Defence Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashid Al Maktoum in Dubai. On his first visit on Saturday, he met Sheikh Zayed in Abu Dhabi.

Talks

Iranian Deputy Prime Minister Ali Reza Moayeri, ending a visit to Turkey today, was quoted by Turkish Radio as saying peace talks with Iraq could begin by the end of next week if a ceasefire was in place.

Moayeri, who brought a message from Iranian Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Musavi for Turkish Prime Minister Turgut Ozal, is due to visit Algeria next on a three-nation tour.

Draft law on auditors is now under study

THE chairman of Kuwait's Audit Bureau, Fares Al Woqayan, said that a draft law proposing that no auditors be appointed by government establishments without the prior approval of the bureau is under study.

He said the current system which authorises the board of directors of each authority or institution to assign auditors contained too many loopholes.

Al Woqayan further stated that the system in its present form could result in auditing work being concentrated with a few bureaus which would be detrimental to the profession and the performance level.

He cited the engineering office established three years ago and said the bureau had been desig-

ned to help the Auditing Bureau inspectors and controllers in auditing different projects and commented that the bureau had saved a lot of state money.

Speaking of Kuwaiti graduates at the Auditing Bureau, the official said Kuwaitis in the past felt restrained from participating as the job entailed transfers from one place to another for inspecting, auditing and reporting.

Incentives

However, in light of the Higher Committee of the Auditing Bureau's decision to give incentives to Kuwaiti graduates estimated at 50 per cent of the basic salary, Kuwaitis were encouraged to join the auditing bureau he said.

On the fourth meeting of the general assembly of the Asian Organisation for High Auditing Authorities which took place in Indonesia last June, Al Woqayan

Iraq lowers infant mortality rate

GENEVA, Aug. 2. (KUNA): Iraq's current five-year health plan had produced impressive results in reducing infant mortality rates, according to the United Nations Children's Fund, UNICEF.

At a Geneva briefing following a recent two-week trip to Iraq UNICEF official Dan Allen noted that when the 1985 plan was launched, 72 out of every 1,000 children born in Iraq died within a year.

Some 15 years before that the rate had been as high as 140 per 1,000, because of the then almost

non-existent public health sector.

In 1985 the Health Ministry, in conjunction with UNICEF and the World Health Organisation, vaccinated 648,000 Iraqi infants, and every year since then similar numbers had been inoculated, he noted.

By the end of 1987 the death rate among infants had been reduced to 47 per 1,000, and it seemed almost certain that the target of 36 per 1,000 by 1990 would be achieved.

At the start of the vaccination campaign just 15 per cent of Iraqi infants had full coverage, and

this had risen to an impressive 84.4 per cent by last year.

The reduction in the death rate had also been a result of other aspects of the health plan, including a move to train traditional midwives, who oversee some 75 per cent of all births in Iraq, Allen said.

Also, some 10,000 volunteer visitors from the General Federation of Iraqi Women had received basic health care training, and these had passed on vital information about oral rehydration methods to combat diarrhoea, breast feeding and hygiene.

Departments shifted

A RESPONSIBLE source at the Ministry of Public Health has said that the ministry's nursing school would be transferred to the Public Authority of Applied Education and Training as of the coming academic year and added that a resolution to this effect had been issued by the public health minister.

The Environment Protection Department will be shifted to the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and Kuwait Municipality.

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By Shaun Seekins

BEETLEJUICE has an unusual twist on the ever popular possession theme: nice young ghost couple cannot scare obnoxious humans from their home, exorcist sought. In an oddly amusing story, the main characters, Adam and Barbara (Alan Baldwin and Veena Davies) return to their Victorian house after a car accident to discover they are dead. Everything is fine except that they cannot leave the house and have difficulties understanding their Handbook for the Recently Deceased.

Their problems are exacerbated when a well-to-do New York family buys the house and the callous wife decides to redecorate. Nothing Barbara and Adam can do, from images of de-capitations to floating around under designer sheets, seems to dissuade the New Yorkers. Only the family's rather weird daughter (Winona Ryder) can see the ghosts and she likes them. Despite the advice of their case-worker from the beyond, the couple seeks the advice of a roguish named Betelgeuse (Michael

VIDEO CORNER

Broken dreams and shattered china

Keaton), a disgustingly amoral and not very nice ghost.

The film is peppered with outrageous bursts of horror and some spectacular special effects which contrast with the calm demeanour of Adam and Barbara. The comedy element is derived from an odd mix of social comment, silliness and shocks, with the funniest sequence combining all three at a stuffy dinner party when the possessed guests lip-sync the song Day-O and the prawn cocktails jump out to grab them.

Fatal
Although at times quite revolting, *Beetlejuice's* off-beat humour has apparently found an audience, and finished a surprising first at the box office in

its opening week in the US.

An unlikely candidate for immortality, *Beetlejuice* should prove to be fairly popular and sustain a long run as a cult favourite.

Promised Land is based on a true story about small-town friends who find themselves tragically involved on opposite sides in a fatal shooting. After high school, basketball hero Davey Hancock (Jason Gedrick) quits college to stay home in Ashville and vegetate as a local cop. Slow-talking loner Danny Rivers (Kiefer Sutherland, known as "Senator" because of his youthful ideals, leaves town to see something of life and eventually returns with an unstable young wife Bev (Meg Ryan) in tow.

Thriller

Mary (Tracy Pollan) is the brightest of the three school-friends and has persevered with college, believing that she cannot advance herself if she continues her affair with Hancock. You cannot help but get the feeling that when a high-school reunion eventually materialises, it is bound to be at firearms' length. Coaxed by Bev into robbing the local store to boost their depleted funds, Danny is confronted by an off-duty Davey (out on a make-or-break date with Mary) and tragedy results.

The film was developed by the Sundance Institute and apparently enjoyed the active participation of Robert Redford in its direction.

Shakedown is a fast-moving police thriller starring Peter Weller and Sam Elliot. Weller plays a young lawyer who is asked to defend a young black drug-pusher accused of killing a cop in cold blood. As he delves into the facts he starts to find evidence of police corruption on a massive scale and despite being warned off in a forceful manner continues his enquiry, aided by a rather offbeat undercover cop (Elliot). Together they find that the whole scheme is masterminded by a powerful drug dealer and as they get nearer to finding the truth, have to contend with the enmity of their supposed friends and foes alike. Plenty of action, car chases and shoot-ups should make this film very much in demand.

Necessity stars Loni Anderson and John Heard, a tense drama telling the story of a young well-to-do model who finds that her husband is involved in drug-running. When he refuses to stop, she decides to leave him, but has to leave her young baby behind. The film concentrates on her fight with herself to decide between her repugnance with her husband's activities and her love for her child.

The latest MTV tape is available, as well as new releases for children.

The above films are by courtesy of VFI, Safeway, Farwanayia, Video Nauf, Salmiya (Tel: 2432899) and Video Club, Salmiya (Tel: 5724372)

NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait
Al Ghanim Pharmacy
Fahd Al Salem St., nr. Carlton Tower
Al Amal Pharmacy
Mubarak Al Kabir St., Opp. Textile market
Hawalli and Nuzra
Al Ikhdas Pharmacy
Beirut St. opp. Al Andalus Cinema
Salmiya and Rumailhiya
Razzan Pharmacy
Al Razi St., Fahd Al Hamad Al Khaled Bldg.
Fahadheel and Ahmadi
Al Khaled Pharmacy
Complex St., Fheel Old Kheitan
Al Ahran Pharmacy
Block 2, Sulaiman Al Ruhaimani Bldg.
Jahra
Al Zahra Pharmacy New Market

At the Continental

The Darbar offers a daily lunch buffet with a wide range of Indian kebabs and curries. A la carte for dinner.

At the Meridian

La Brasserie offers Friday brunch from 12 noon to 4 pm; also open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

Beat the summer heat with cool juices offered in the lobby lounge; musical entertainment is provided in the evenings.

SPORTS

14th Winners Cup

The YMCA will hold the All Kuwait Open 14th Winners Cup cricket tournament, beginning September. It will be played on Fridays and holidays at the KOC ground, Ahmadi. Teams wishing to participate can contact Joe D'Sa, Tel: 3981790, 3-5 pm; 3924659, 5-8 pm.

PKA bowling tournament
The PKA inter-commercial bowling tournament will be held in the second week of August. All companies wishing to take part are requested to register on or before August 7 at the 300 Club. For details contact PKA director Sarah Macarimbang 4843447.

Boy's Own Club

Boy's Own Club will organise a seven-a-side one-day football festival on the holiday declared to mark the Prophet's birthday (October 22/23). Interested teams can contact Milagres 3967446 or Joe D'Souza 4813622.

Kuwait Nomads

Kuwait Nomads pre-season training starts Sunday August 7 at 7:30 pm. All are welcome. For details contact 5642599.

All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shuwaikh. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.



Kiefer Sutherland and Meg Ryan in Promised Land.

Guttenberg graduates

By Stu Schreibeberg

STEVE GUTTENBERG, 29, casually chic in Miami Vice-style garb — black tank top, blazer, boots, grey pleated slacks — has ambitious career plans.

"I want to be a great film actor," he says simply. "I'd like to put out two good films a year, and in eight years people will turn around and say, 'Wow, I didn't realise Guttenberg did so much... He sort of snuck up on us.' Then I'll be considered part of the film establishment."

Many would argue that he already is. Since he made his debut as a sex-starved teen in *The Chicken Chronicles*, Guttenberg has co-starred in films that collectively have grossed a staggering \$750 million. True, many fell tragically short of critics' top ten lists — most notably the *Police Academy* send-ups of the American bumbling boys in blue. But in between the duds have been critical darlings such as *Diner*, *Cocoon*, and the phenomenally popular *Three Men and a Cradle*.

"I don't think the studios know what to make of me," Guttenberg says of his chequered ten-year career. "There are the guys who say I'm only good for comedy, others who think I can do drama as a solid lead. I hope I'm the romantic leading man who can play thriller or comedy."

He still remembers the sound career advice veteran actor Hume Cronyn gave during the shooting of *Cocoon*.

"I asked, 'What suggestions would you give a young actor?' He said, 'I could tell you to learn about Olivier, a man of substance. Or I could tell you to go to the Royal Academy and spend time walking the boards of Sir John (Gielgud) and Sir Ralph (Richardson). Or I could tell you what I've always followed: save your money."

He has. Guttenberg dumped his fire-engine red 308 Ferrari six months ago and began puttering along in a rented Dodge Colt. "I love the anonymity of this Colt. When people see that it's me, they have a triple heart attack."

Low on flash, high on common sense, he always knew what he wanted to do for a living and two days after he graduated from high school, he headed to Hollywood. He got a few minor parts on TV. Discouraged, he decided to return to New York and train to be... a dentist.

He left behind no cheerleading squad of agents and publicists, but for some reason that Guttenberg himself still can't explain, Hollywood casting

people suddenly remembered the cocky, hyperactive kid who, in some cases, barged into their offices. In 1978, barely six months into his undergraduate biology course, he was drafted into *The Boys From Brazil* and *Players*.

A happy something that came to Guttenberg was *Diner*. In this 1982 movie, Guttenberg plays Eddie, the zealous Baltimore Colts fan who demands that his fiancée pass a football quiz before he'll agree to marry her. The film's critical welcome placed Guttenberg on the list of newcomers to watch. "I'm very proud of that movie, and it helped me to become recognised in the film community," he says.

But it was the roundly panned *Police Academy* series (I through IV), with Guttenberg returning annually as womanising Carey Mahoney, that made an impression on the general community and bought him Hollywood leverage. "They were fun to make," he says in their defence. More important, "They allowed me to hold out for the right scripts without wondering how I was going to pay the bills."

They also helped pave the way for his transition from likeable comic to romantic leading man. "In order to really look like a police officer and feel comfortable taking my shirt off on camera, I had to replace fifteen pounds of baby fat with muscle," explains Guttenberg. "When *Police Academy* opened, the best thing people said was, 'Gee, I didn't realise he was in such good shape.' His reward was the role of a high-libido hero in the sexy murder mystery *The Bedroom Window*.

Guttenberg finally felt he'd graduated from the Academy, and bowed out of *Police Academy V*. "It was time to move on," he says, pausing. "I did have nightmares that the fifth one would come out and the headline would read, **POLICE ACADEMY IS GREAT WITHOUT GUTTENBERG!** You always worry about the next role."

Guttenberg needn't worry. *Three Men and a Cradle* has grossed over \$160 million — so far — and two movies due for release in the States in the autumn, *High Spirits* and *Cocoon II: The Return* look sure to be box-office hits.

PRAYERS

Fajr	3.42 am
Zuhr	11.54
Asr	3.30 pm
Maghreb	6.38
Isha	8.03

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES



L.A. Law will be shown on KTV 2 at 10:30 pm.

KTV 1

9:00 Holy Quran
9:10 Good-morning
9:30 Space Adventures
10:00 News Summary
10:15 Dawa Lil Hub
11:15 Ala Al Duniyah Al Salam: local serial
12:00 Good-morning news
12:15 Variety show
1:00 News Summary
1:05 World today via satellite
1:50 Variety show
2:30 Al Sabab: Arabic serial
3:35 Bill and Sebastian
4:00 News magazine
4:15 The Longest Bridge: English film about the Sino-Japanese War of 1931-37
6:00 Bunduk and Bundoks: children's serial starring Abdurrahman Abu Zahra and Liza
6:30 General information and official announcements
7:00 Traffic seminar
8:00 Waqalat Al Arab
8:30 Popular paintings: presented by Humoud Al Baghli
9:00 News in Arabic
9:45 Al Husan: Arabic serial
10:45 Hekayat Men Al Baya: starring Meiad Awad, Hassan Ibrahim, Yusuf Al Jamal and Mohammed Khotoom
11:45 News summary
11:50 World today via satellite
12:20 Holy Quran/Closedown

KTV 2

6:00 Holy Quran
6:10 Inspector Gadget
6:30 The Kids of Degrassi Street: "Jeffery Finds A Friend" Connie competes with Jeffrey in maths, but both realise that

co-operation and friendship is better.
7:00 Computers in Control: "Recognising the Obvious" Computer applications in modern industries for increasing production on rapid rates...

7:30 Growing Pains: "Gone But Not Forgotten" The Seavers get worried when their house is attacked by thieves.

8:00 News in English
8:30 O'Hara: "Fagin, All Over Again" O'Hara and his assistant Sheaver receive an invitation to the museum, where they are received by two persons in official uniforms who take the keys to Sheaver's new car in order to park it... but even they have a secret!

9:30 Wildlife On One: "Odd Noses of Borneo" The proboscis monkey is named thus because of its huge and pendulous nose but nobody knows why its nose grows so big...

10:00 Sledge Hammer: "The Last of The Red Hot Vampires" An assistant director plans to exploit the alleged death of an actor who plays the role of a vampire.

10:30 L.A. Law: Kozak wants a tobacco company to pay compensation for damages while Victor purchases a car at a very high price...

11:30 News summary/Magazine d'Actualite/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.



Steve Guttenberg stars in Police Academy IV, now showing at Al Hamra.

CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus
Rambo III
Starring: Sylvester Stallone
Al Salmiya
Reserved for Al Jazira Theatre
Drive-In
Asdiqah Al Shaitan (Arabic)
Starring: Nour Al Shariff, Farid Shawki
Al Hamra
Police Academy IV
Starring: Steve Guttenberg and Bubba Smith
Al Firdous
Mardon Wali Baat
Starring: Dharmendra, Shabana Azmi, Sunjay Dutt, Jaya Pradha
Fahadheel Open
Pyar Ka Mandir (Hindi)
Al Fahadheel
Ghawar Empire (Arabic)
Al Jahra
Mad Mission II
Granada
Ana (Arabic)

Sulaibikhat
Aan Kiliyude Tharrattu (Malayalam)
Al Jleeb
In the Line of Duty
Ahmadi Drive-In
Al Ens Wa Al Jan (Arabic)



Shabana Azmi co-stars with Dharmendra in Mardon Wali Baat, showing today in Al Firdous.

WHAT'S ON

ARTS

Tareq Rajab Museum

The museum in Jabriya houses a collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world. Summer timings are 9 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm, Sat thru Thurs. On Friday the museum is open only in the mornings.

Islamic Arts Museum

The museum, located on Arab Gulf Street, is open from 8.30 am to 12.30 noon and 4.30 to 7.30 pm, Saturday to Thursday. A collection of the finest Islamic art objects are on show.

Kuwait Science Museum

The museum will be open to the public every evening from 5 pm and from 9 am on Friday.

SOCIAL

Summer Belle 88

The United Goans Centre will hold their annual Summer Belle 88 contest on August 11 at the SAS Hotel's The Tent. The gala event marks the 10th anniversary of UGC. Entertainment includes music by Stepping Stones and City Limits. For further details contact Tony Gonsalves — 2612024 or Joe Fernandes 5655140.

D'Assisi Association

The association will hold a social evening-cum-variety show on August 11 at Messilah Beach Hotel. The event is part of the 40th anniversary of Indian independence. Top Ranks and Next of Kin will be in attendance. For details contact Leena — 2469811, 9.30 am to 5 pm; Henry 3291909 (am) 3717346 (pm) or August in 5746754 after 6 pm.

Y.M.C.A.

The Y.M.C.A. will present the "Come September Ball" at the Kuwait Sheraton Hotel on September 1. Highlights include the selection of the Queen of Queens. Top Ranks will be in attendance.

German-speaking Cultural Association

The regular coffee mornings for ladies will continue on a small scale during the summer months. Coffee mornings will be held on Sunday, August 7 at Kuwait Hilton's La Patissierie from 10 am on those days. All German-speaking women are welcome.

Onam Festival

The Viswabarathi Theatres, Abbasiya, will celebrate Onam on Aug 25 at the Indian Arts Circle. IAC President M. Mathews will be the chief patron. The programme comprises Onam songs, Mohiniyattam, classical dances, Thiruvathirakkali, folk dances, light music, one-act play, boat race and Kerala rural arts. Those interested in taking part contact Lazar Varghese — 4314511; Thomas Perumilly — 4810490 ext. 207; Varghese Paradiyil — 3422973.

Varca Sporting Centre

Varca Sporting Centre will organise an evening of games and entertainment at the Tent SAS on September 22, 1988. Music will be provided by Top Ranks and Next of Kin. Further details later.

Bangladesh variety show

Bangladeshi children will present a variety performance in mid-September. The date and venue will be announced later. Those interested in taking part, please contact Jayati or Farzana.

HOTELS

At the Holiday Inn

Al Ahmadi Coffee Shop offers Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 11 am; a la carte also offered. Fresh pastries and cakes can be bought every day at the Viennese Cafe. Light refreshments are available at the Hang Babylon Gardens.

On Wednesday, join the Shahrhazad barbecue at the poolside; there will be games, prizes and surprises. On Thursday, enjoy music and food at the Arabian Night at the Al

Andalus Supper Club. Al Dana offers a special treat for children at the Friday brunch, open from 11 am to 3 pm.

The recreation club has new fitness courses in aerobics, swimming, yoga and weight-lifting, all manned by professional instructors.

At the Sheraton

Enjoy Italian cuisine and live entertainment by the Sienna's Duo at the Riccardo restaurant. Riccardo is closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra features authentic Lebanese cuisine every Sunday and seafood specialties on Wednesday nights; a sumptuous buffet is offered on Fridays. Live entertainment is provided by the Lords.

The Hunt Room offers a variety of meat and fish preparations and live music by solo harpist Harp Dreams.

Arab world specialties are available every Thursday evening at Le Tarbouche. A buffet lunch and dinner is offered on Fridays.

The Coffee Shop features a wide range of international cuisine and has a daily special.

At the Hilton

La Palma has introduced a new 12-day buffet cycle featuring Arab and international specialties; open daily for breakfast, lunch and dinner, from 6:30 am to midnight.

Buffet meals are also offered at the Failaka restaurant. The Magnetic Band provides live music in the evenings. Open every day 12:30-3 pm and 7:30-11:30 pm.

Ice-cream, cold drinks and this week's special — baked cheesecake — are available at La Patissierie. Open daily from 10:30 am - 10:45 pm.

At the Ramada

El Bender Coffee Shop offers continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner from 6 am to 12 midnight; a la carte also featured.

The take-away counter, opened daily from 4 pm to 11 pm, offers a selection of Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

The Lobby Lounge offers a selection of coffee, tea, juice, cakes and pastries.

ARAB TIMES

Thought for today

If you wish to succeed, consult three old people — Chinese saying.

OPINION

King Hussein knows how to handle things

CONSISTENTLY, King Hussein's banner has proclaimed that he is only interested in the grapes and not in killing the caretaker.

The West Bank constitutes the grapes that King Hussein, a man well versed in world diplomacy, desires, irrespective of the fact that these grapes be in the Jordanian basket or in a separate Palestinian entity.

Since the 1967 defeat, King Hussein has been fiercely fighting on several fronts, including Arab-Arab, Arab-Israeli and Arab-Israeli fronts.

However, in every instance, the king has given priority to accede to the Arab demands, although, in some cases, these demands sometimes were unwise and fatal. Nevertheless, he still firmly believes that Jordan has no choice, but, to accept what Arabs desire.

In 1967 and during the Khartoum Arab summit, the late President Gamal Abdul Nasser asked King Hussein to work towards regaining the West Bank — even if he had to deal with the devil.

Arab leaders supported such a view and the international arena was well-prepared for such an action had it been declared that the West Bank was part of Jordan.

Unfortunately, contradicting Arab interests compelled the king to halt activities in this direction, although, he was achieving some tangible results.

When it was even said that the West Bank is not a part of Jordan, King Hussein positively accepted this statement by stating that "what is important, is to get the grapes primarily, and, other issues could be negotiated among Arabs."

At the time, all were against King Hussein and he put a stop to all his activities.

After that, the Arabs had a long wait. Then, the king proposed several formulas that in his opinion were in keeping with the then prevailing international situation.

Once again these formulas came to nought due to the solid closed wall which typically characterises the inter-Arab relations.

As matters stand, King Hussein has positively responded to the PLO demand and cut administrative and legal relations with the West Bank.

Undoubtedly, there will be international reactions — negative and positive. What is significant is that the king has dissociated himself with the West Bank, thus, leaving the Arabs to solve the issue once again, whether it be by way of procuring the grapes, or killing the caretaker.

During the past 40 years, the demand to kill the caretaker made the Arabs miss many opportunities. They could neither get the grapes nor kill the caretaker.

We now find ourselves accepting what we refused yesterday when our enemies accepted it then, but, refuse to accept the same today.

We have been mired in ill-planning for the past 40 years which is directly responsible for the exhaustion clearly etched on the face of King Hussein.

But, we still believe he is the man to obtain the grapes without the need for killing the caretaker.

Ahmed Al Jarallah

Poisoning brings sorrow to Taiwan

By Andrew Quinn

TAYA, Taiwan. (Reuters): The poison first struck at a school for the blind, covering children and teachers in angry rashes and boils that would not go away.

More than 2,000 people were affected by contaminated cooking oil in 1979, the worst case of industrial poisoning in Taiwan's history. This month, a team of doctors released a report which said poisoned women were giving birth to deformed and retarded babies.

"I began to feel tingling in my arms and legs, and then I started getting boils on my face and across my chest," said Mei Tun, a 31-year-old mathematics teacher at the Hwei Ming School in Taya in central Taiwan.

"We looked at the students and we looked at each other and we were all covered with these painful bumps," she said.

Mei has since married a man who is also a victim of the poison. She is frightened of giving birth to a deformed baby.

The poison is called polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCB — a cheap chemical compound that is still widely used in Taiwan as a heat conductor.

Scientists believe it lodges in the body's fat cells.

About 160 babies were born to PCB victims between 1979 and 1985, according to the medical report by a group of American and Taiwanese doctors. Some were stillborn, others died shortly after birth.

Many of the surviving children suffer from abnormalities of the skin, teeth, and lungs and a weak immune system that leaves them open to infection. They are also slow learners.

Sitting in the bright, modern schoolhouse set amid the lush rice paddies of rural Taiwan, Mei

did not seem bitter. Her face is pitted with scars from her numerous bouts of acne, but her smile is that of a young woman happy with her job and her marriage.

Other victims have not been so lucky. Many left their homes after neighbours and friends mistakenly feared infection, Mei said. Others were driven to divorce and suicide.

"The children are the most pitiful," Mei said, referring to the 150 students at her school who were all affected in various degrees by the poison.

"They are blind, so they already have limited opportunities. Now they are scarred and weak as well — what kind of jobs can they get?"

It has taken Taiwan nine years to ban PCB in food factories, and even now the order has no legal weight until it is passed by the legislature in October.

The Taiwan poisoning was the second incidence of large-scale PCB contamination. A similar outbreak involving cooking oil poisoned about 1,400 people in Japan in 1968.

"We really don't have any idea how to treat this disease. All we can do is treat the symptoms and hope the PCBs wash out on their own," Wu Ying-Chin, a doctor at National Taiwan University hospital said.

PCB victims have tried Western drugs, acupuncture, Chinese herbal remedies and voluntary "hunger cures" to try to remove the poison, but nothing has worked, Wu said.

None of the victims has received any compensation from the factory that produced the oil, which was declared bankrupt.

The two owners were sentenced to jail terms of five and 10 years. One has since died and the other has been released.

Turning into economic superpower

By John Yemma

LONDON: In five years, a tunnel will link Britain with the Continent. In four years, Europe plans to become one vast, lucrative economic zone.

That combination, Britain's Margaret Thatcher told British businessmen recently, "is going to make historic difference to the future of the whole of Europe, and its place in the world, and our place in Europe."

There were no murmurs of disbelief, even though the change must seem astounding to the millions of Europeans who still can recall the destructive war — the second in this century alone — that reduced Europe to rubble only 43 years ago. They remember the hunger, the homelessness, the deep hatred. To talk of a united Europe in the wake of World War II was to be, at best, idealistic.

"It is not a dream," Thatcher assured her audience. "It is not a vision... It is for real, and it is only five years away."

An hour's flight from London, a dozen flags of old enemies flap in front of the Brussels office park that is the headquarters of a rapidly uniting Europe. There is a 13th, too — royal blue with a circle of 12 stars, looking curiously like an early American flag minus the stripes. It is the flag of the European Economic Community.

European ministers met in June at a summit in Hannover, West Germany, to further the process. Powerful ammunition for their single-market cause came this spring in the form of a painstaking economic analysis headed by Italian economist Paolo Cecchini. It says that just by integrating markets and achieving more efficiency, European economic output will increase by 4 per cent. For a region beset by chronic unemployment and slow growth, such a rosy economic scenario is very attractive.

A rival report by Data Resources Inc., which figures political reaction might dampen the 1992 drive, estimates only a 0.3 to 0.5 per cent economic gain.

Superpower
After decades of struggling to work together, the 12 leading nations of Western Europe have suddenly launched a bold campaign to put aside national rivalries, reinvigorate the European Economic Community (EEC), create a true Common Market, and turn Europe into an economic superpower.

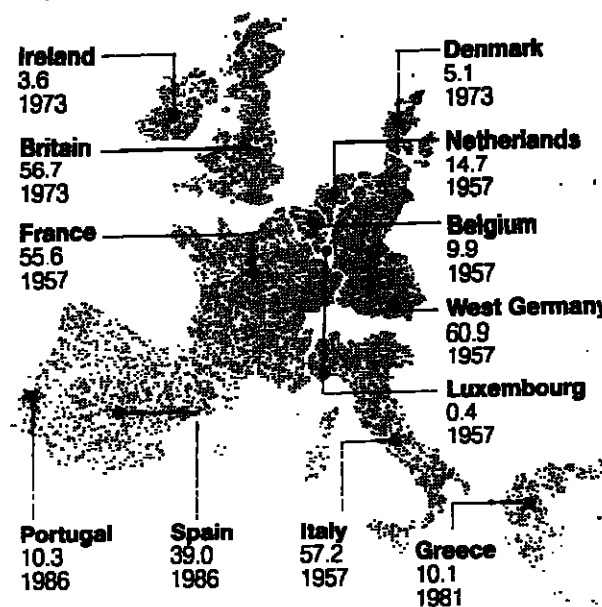
What Hitler, Napoleon, and a dozen despots tried to win by brute force, business and government are beginning to accomplish through co-operation and commercial competition. Significantly, Europe's two flanking superpowers play little part in

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Population in millions; year of entry into EEC



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What Europe would gain from unity by mid-1990s

- ☒ A \$325 billion economic windfall (4.3 percent to 6.4 percent increase in gross domestic product)
- ☒ A 6.1 percent decrease in consumer prices
- ☒ 1.8 million new jobs
- ☒ Increase in government budget revenues by 2.2 percent of GDP
- ☒ Improvement of the EC trade balance by 1 percent of GDP

Source: EC study by Paolo Cecchini

Political reaction within Europe is somewhat predictable, given the inefficient factories that would be threatened in a borderless Europe. Displaced workers and capital flight — money leaving nations such as France for higher returns in West Germany — also will present problems.

Finally, any more loss of national sovereignty and identity could be hard to swallow. For individual nations that ruled the waves, populated the Americas, and contributed immensely to Western law, literature, and civilization, merging into Europeanism is not done lightly.

Yet almost everyone agrees it must be done so that European companies can achieve the global size and clout to be able to withstand competition from abroad.

By Dec 31, 1992, some 300 legal changes will have dissolved

most trade barriers that divide France, West Germany, Britain, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Denmark, Belgium, Greece, Ireland, the Netherlands, and Luxembourg. Many are being phased in already. By the mid '90s, the European market will begin to approximate the well-oiled commercial system of America's 50 states.

At a minimum, being European will soon mean being a member of a lucrative 325-million-person market. That will give Europe exceptional clout in world trade — and in world affairs.

"From now to the end of the century," predicts Michel Develle, chief economist of Banque Paribas in Paris, "every decision in European governments will be in regard to the single market."

This narrows the room to man-

oeuvre of individual governments and strengthens the EEC.

Emboldened by its growing political power, the EEC is acting less like a well-meaning but ineffective trade association and more like the central government of this continent. Already, steps toward 1992 have entailed an unprecedented ceding of national sovereignty from 10 Downing, the Elysees, the Bundeshaus, and other power centres to EEC headquarters at the Berlaymont in Brussels. Already, all trade policy emanates from Brussels.

This causes anxiety in Washington and East Asia about the emerging of a "Fortress Europe."

As internal barriers fall, the temptation might be to strengthen protectionist walls against the outside world. An official at the US mission to the Commu-

ity says trade developments are being watched very carefully.

Another important effect of the Community's new dynamism is a kind of Euro-magnetism. Austria, for instance, is ready to ask for EEC membership, a bold move away from neutrality for this nonaligned nation. Switzerland, Norway, Sweden, Iceland, and Finland — which along with Austria have a special trading relationship with the EEC — are studying membership, too. Turkey has reiterated its desire to join.

Moscow and Eastern Europe no longer dismiss the Community as a fractious capitalist tool. They are inching toward mutual recognition with the EEC. In advance of that, East-bloc nations such as Hungary are making individual trade arrangements with the EEC. East Germany, with its duty-free relations with West Germany, already has entered.

"Everybody is trying to get assured access to the single market," says Helen Wallace of the Royal Institute for International Affairs in London.

Unity
European union won't just end at commerce, says Jean Paul Tranchesi, a high-ranking official in France's Ministry of European Affairs. "The final goal remains: the United States of Europe," he says.

A spirit of Euro-unity is apparent even in little acts. Englishman Adam Brown, for instance, works for Airbus Industries in Toulouse. He makes a point of going through the line at London's Heathrow Airport that is for holders of EEC passports. It is always longer than that for British passport-holders, but Brown insists that, since Britain is a member of the Community, he should stand with other Europeans.

The Christian Science Monitor News Service.

Thirst for justice remains

Restlessness growing in Philippines

By Robert H. Reid

MANILA, (AP): In a stark tableau, the frail old man who helped make a housewife president lectured his former protegee on the failure of her administration to bring justice and change to a nation recovering from 20 years of misrule.

"You will recall that the thirst for justice was and remains the utmost desire of our people," newspaper publisher Joaquin Roces, 75, told President Corazon Aquino in a speech after she awarded him the Legion of Honour last Tuesday.

"If we ... show the slightest sign that we too adopt one standard for the wrongdoer who is poor and without connections, and another for the criminal who is rich and well connected, then we would be proven liars," said Roces.

Charges that the Aquino administration has failed to live up to expectations of reform, social justice and progress are not new.

They have been aired in an unrestrained Philippine press virtually from the moment a popular uprising toppled President Ferdinand Marcos' 20-year administration in February 1986 and propelled Aquino into office.

But such chiding was all the more dramatic coming from Roces, the dean of the Philippine press, one Aquino's strongest supporters and a leading figure in marshalling opposition to Marcos.

As publisher of the Manila Times, Rocos gave President Aquino's late husband Benigno his first job as a war correspondent during the Korean conflict.

In 1985, Rocos convinced Aquino to run for president and organized the nationwide petition drive that put the former housewife on the ballot.

But in his speech, Rocos said public service in the Philippines was still all too often used for "self-aggrandizement and service to vested interests, relatives and friends."

"It was not rice, roads, bridges, water, electricity and other such mundane things that people expected of us," Rocos said. "It was, and is much more: a new moral order."

Public expressions of disappointment and restlessness are increasing amid new allegations of official corruption, the slow pace of reform and human rights violations in the 19-year Communist insurgency.

Disenchantment
"There also appear to be the stirrings of disenchantment over not only the ability of the leadership to govern but also the integrity of those who govern," wrote the economic daily Business World in a recent, front-page commentary.

Even critics acknowledge that the Aquino administration can point to notable accomplishments during its more than two years in power.

They include ratification of a new, liberal constitution and restoration of a freely elected, bicameral legislature. Last year the economy grew by 5.5 per cent, although inflation has also

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Maj. Gen. Ramon Montano, the senior officer in the area during the killings, was promoted last year to commander of the Philippine constabulary, the country's paramilitary national police.

Some Western diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, generally applauded Aquino's style and say that more decisive moves on such issues as land reform and the insurgency would have heightened, not reduced, social tensions.

They attribute much of the disappointment to lack of political realism among social activists, impatience in a youthful society and the residual effects of 20 years of dramatic, albeit ineffective, gestures by Marcos.

Expectations
But the heavy days of the 1986 "Edsa revolution," as the uprising against Marcos is known here, raised high expectations of change among the 59 million Filipinos.

But two years after Marcos' ouster, the country is still bedeviled by petty corruption, bureaucratic red tape, and widespread poverty which afflicts nearly 70 per cent of the population.

Some observers believe that continued widespread poverty may be responsible in part for growing resentment over alleged official corruption.

Hussein forces PLO to act

Move to create a Palestinian state

By David Alexander

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

(UPI): By reducing his financial and political ties with the Israeli-occupied West Bank, King Hussein of Jordan either risks himself of a problem or increases his influence in the region if PLO leadership fails to shoulder responsibility for the one million Palestinians there.

Either way, he wins. Hussein indicated in a major speech in Amman, Jordan, Sunday that he might sever all financial and administrative ties with West Bank, saying interaction between the kingdom and the occupied territory had become a hindrance to the establishment of a Palestinian state.

"There is a general conviction that maintaining the legal and administrative links with the West Bank ... hampers the Palestinian struggle to gain international support for the Palestinian cause," he said in the speech monitored in occupied Jerusalem.

By threatening to cut ties with the West Bank, Hussein forces the Palestine Liberation Organisation to either take over the financial and administrative role in the West Bank or admit Jordan's ties in the territory.

Israel, which refuses to deal with the PLO, would be certain to fight a dominant role for the organisation in the West Bank.

And by removing Jordan as an alternative to the PLO, Hussein can temporarily get rid of the divisive problem of the West Bank while keeping his hand in any future international peace conference.

The speech was strategically timed at the beginning of a week

when PLO leader Yasser Arafat, who enjoys popular support in the West Bank, was expected to arrive in Amman for talks with Hussein.

Since the 1967 war between Arab and Israeli forces, Jordan and the PLO have competed for the loyalty of West Bank Palestinians, with Amman first fostering the PLO and later driving it from the kingdom when it became a threat in 1970.

While the PLO has worked to become internationally accepted as the sole voice of the Palestinian people, Jordan has been the pocketbook and the national sponsor for the West Bank, providing salaries for government and religious workers and issuing passports for the natives.

Since the emergence of the PLO after the 1967 war, the political scene has been dominated by the PLO and not by Jordan," said Saeb Erakat, a political scientist at Najah University in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus.

"Up till now, the relationship has been that of trying to compete with PLO for loyalties in the West Bank," he said. "I think this was a total failure."

Hussein's influence in the West Bank, already waning because of the lengthy Israeli occupation, had deteriorated steadily since the start of the nearly 8-month-old uprising as Palestinians unified behind the calls for their own state.

In June, an Arab League summit endorsed the right of the Palestinians to form an independent state, despite Hussein's preference for a Palestinian confederation with Jordan and his warning that the PLO would have difficulty negotiating a peace on its own.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1500 — Alfonso of Naples, husband of Lucretia Borgia, is murdered
- 1571 — Turks take Famagusta, Cyprus, after 11-month siege and massacre many inhabitants
- 1589 — Henry of Navarre succeeds assassinated Henry III as king of France, Henry IV
- 1645 — Sweden and Denmark conclude peace at Bromesbro, whereby Danes lose much territory
- 1675 — French defeat Dutch and Spanish fleets in Bay of Palermo, and take Sicily
- 1742 — British Navy guarding Mediterranean prevents Neapolitans and Spaniards from taking Lombardy
- 1767 — Burmese forces invade Siam (Thailand)
- 1803 — Second Maratha war against Sindbia of Gwalior begins when British troops open offensive
- 1881 — British troops occupy Egyptian town of Suez
- 1943 — Anti-Nazi demonstrations are held in Milan, Genoa and other northern Italian cities during World War II
- 1956 — Gold Coast League assembly adopts Kwame Nkrumah's resolution demanding independence from Britain
- 1958 — Atomic-powered US submarine Nautilus makes first undersea crossing of North Pole
- 1967 — Homemade bombs explode at four tourist hotels in Tunis, Tunisia, with British and Italian visitors among the injured

السلامة العامة

By Kathy Cuddihy

AN actress friend of mine once confided, "If acting has taught me nothing else, it has taught me how to handle rejection."

Wow. I mean who stops for too long to think about the cruelty of one's own chosen profession? On the other hand, I wondered, what kind of person would willingly put themselves in a position to be regularly rejected? Doesn't that smack of masochism?

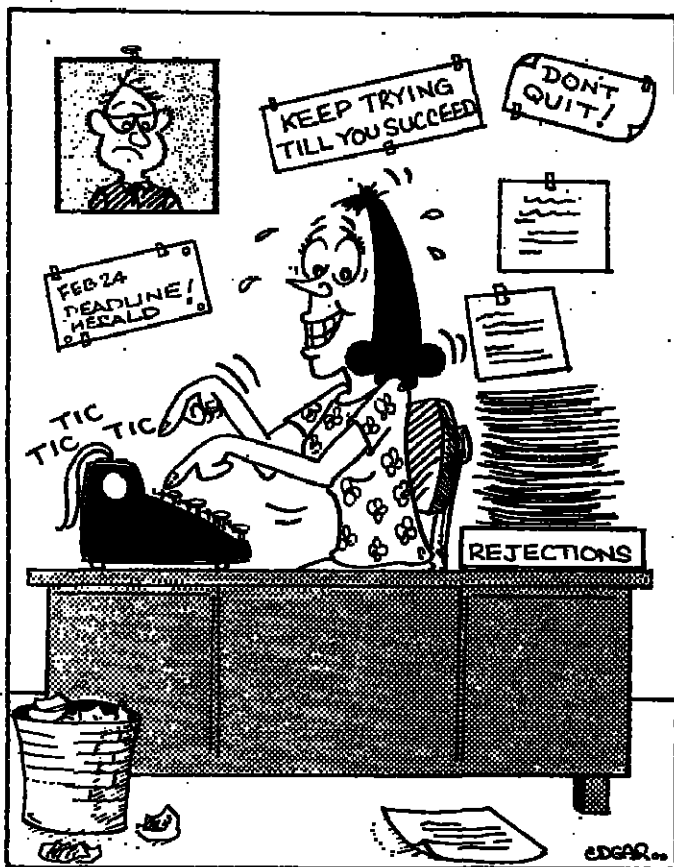
Then I became a professional writer.

For years I survived as a "closet" writer. No, I didn't write in a closet. I kept my work there. After all, it's pretty hard to get rejection slips if you don't send out any manuscripts. However, it didn't take me too long to realise that with that attitude it is also pretty difficult to get anything published.

Taking the emotional plunge, I made a submission to a local newspaper on the assumption that, because they require fresh material every day, the competition might not be as stiff as with sleek monthly publications. Eureka! The editor actually called me himself to say that he liked the piece — and wanted more! What euphoria! ... What a breeze! This career obviously had advantages over the crueler sport of acting.

It's amazing how much confidence a simple acceptance can give a person. After irregularly churning out work for the papers for a few months — with no rejections — I decided to expand my horizons and break into the lucrative, prestigious world of glossy magazines. Off went my query letters putting forth my brilliant ideas. With too few exceptions, back came —

Facing rejection — head on



horror of horror — polite but firm rejections. Hmm. Well, at least the editors had squashed my proposals with a personal letter and not a form postcard. That was something, I guess.

Being a clever little thing — and having plenty of time on my hands for self-analysis — I soon concluded that rejection is more devastating if you dwell upon it. The trick, obviously, is to keep enough articles circulating so that there is never a moment to sit chewing nails, wondering how a temperamental editor will judge the contribution. The main risk is that more submissions could well mean more rejections. The optimist in me, however, argued that the odds had to be in my favour. Surely a

greater volume of articles would have to also mean a greater potential for acceptance.

Needless to say, the more work I have to produce. Apart from the evident requirement of inspiration, discipline is also a vital necessity if I could hope to keep the professional pace. To spur me on, I typed out a Gail Godwin quotation and hung it above my desk:

"An old and venerable painter once told me that he thought of his good days in the studio as visits from an angel. He said that was why he went in there every day. 'Because what if an angel came and I wasn't there?' With any luck, the 'angel' might take a liking to me and visit on a fairly regular basis."

Now that my plan has been in action for about three years, I can assure all you struggling creative geniuses that effort pays off. Admittedly, a few magazine editors have published my work simply because that option is easier to live with than having me constantly pester them. (They get their own back with indiscriminate editing!)

Even more rewarding than having work accepted, is having an editor actually assign work. The story line may not be wonderfully (or even mildly) exciting, but the resulting puffed ego quickly overcomes this relatively minor drawback.

Sometimes success breeds dilemma. One of my biggest surprises came from the editor of a well-respected investment magazine. He didn't have any details of my background, but he had heard of my reputation and wanted me to be the magazine's Middle East financial correspondent! How on earth should I deal with a situation like this? Should I accept the challenge, or should I confess to the man I don't know a bull from a bear and can't even balance my cheque book?

But in the writing business, even success isn't a constant factor. I still keep several articles circulating at any one time, always hoping that acceptance will offset rejections. The important thing is that, like my actress friend, I've now learned how to handle rejection ... for the most part anyway.

If this article doesn't appear in the paper, you'll know I'm sitting at home suffering an inflated sense of inadequacy.

By Georgina Gold

Holidays are to be enjoyed! But how many people you know come back after a two-week break looking as if they need another month to recover? Delayed planes, lost luggage, screaming kids and stomach upsets — they're all the things "happy" holidays are made of. But even the most traumatic break CAN be enjoyed. It's all down to the way you tackle your holiday and your ability to cope with whatever problems are thrown your way.

So, to find out whether you're a happy holidaymaker or a wimpy wash-out try this fun quiz.

1. You prefer quiet beach holidays but your partner wants to go on a hectic activity holiday. Do you:

a) give in and go wherever they want?

b) insist on getting your own way?

c) reach a compromise and book up somewhere that caters for everyone?

d) suggest staying at home — it's cheaper?

2. On the coach journey to the airport you get stuck in heavy traffic. The driver insists he will get you there in time for your flight. Do you:

a) believe him and go to sleep?

b) create a scene and demand to be dropped off?

c) complain bitterly but do nothing?

d) shout at your partner?

3. At the airport the airline staff say your flight has been overbooked and you will have to stay overnight at a hotel and travel the following day. Do you:

a) cancel the holiday and go home?

b) cause a scene and insist you travel today?

c) agree to their plan? burst into tears?

4. On the plane you have mistakenly been seated in the smoker's section. You are very anti-smoking. What do you do?

a) Quietly ask the hostess if you can sit elsewhere.

b) Start coughing and complaining every time someone smokes.

c) Have another drink and try to ignore it.

d) Go to sleep.

5. You and your partner arrive at your sunny destination, but find that one of your cases has been lost. Do you:

a) stay calm and fill in a lost property form?

b) punch the baggage handler?

c) insist that the airline staff search for your luggage again?

d) burst into tears?

6. You meet some very lively people at your hotel. One night they suggest swimming in the

Are you a happy holiday-maker?

Do holidays fill you with dread or can you hardly wait for your annual break? Do you worry if you will arrive at the hotel or if the hotel will ever be there? Do this fun quiz and find out if you are a happy or hassled holiday-maker

nude — in the hotel swimming pool. Do you:

a) enthusiastically join in?

b) disapprove and tell them so?

c) report them to the courier?

d) join in but feel very uncomfortable?

7. While on holiday you pick up a stomach bug. Friends tell you it will only last 24 hours. Do you:

a) book the first flight back home?

b) fill yourself with medicine and try to enjoy yourself?

c) lie in bed moaning and demand your partner stays and looks after you?

d) wish you had stayed at home?

8. What's your favourite beach activity?

a) Playing frisbee?

b) Swimming?

c) Sunbathing?

d) You can't enjoy yourself on the beach. There's too much sand.

9. It's your first day on the beach and your partner can't keep their eyes off all the scantily clad members of the opposite sex. Do you:

a) play them at their own game?

b) fly into a jealous rage?

c) sulk and feel inferior?

d) leave them to it and go for a swim?

10. Your holiday destination sounded idyllic in the brochure. But in reality it is overcrowded, dirty and disgusting. Do you:

a) cause a scene and demand to be moved to a better place?

b) try to make the best of it?

c) find somewhere you want to stay?

d) get the next flight home?

11. At foreign restaurants do you:

a) always stick to food you know?

b) experiment and try something new?

c) play safe and only try dishes you've tried before?

d) shout at the waiter if you can't understand the menu?

12. You miss your flight back home which means you will be a day late back to work. Do you:

a) fret and fume about what

you're going to tell your boss?

b) relax and work out what excuse you will give?

c) decide to tell the truth. Honesty is always the best policy?

d) book up another week... you can think up your excuses later?

13. What's your ideal holiday?

a) Anything, as long as you're in good company?

b) Lazing on the beach during the day and living it up at night?

c) Anything which doesn't involve travelling very far?

d) A world cruise where everything is well organised?

14. When you go on holiday do you:

a) forget about work completely?

b) worry constantly about problems at home and work?

c) take at least four or five days to unwind completely?

d) find it easy to relax, but start worrying again two or three days before you return home?

15. After your last holiday how did you feel?

a) Very relaxed?

b) Very wound up after all the hassles?

c) Ready to come home?

d) Sad?

16. How many lasting friends have you made while on holiday?

a) None. You avoid other people as much as you can?

b) Lots.

c) You have a lot of addresses, but you've never written to any of them.

d) One or two.

Now add up your score.

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Happy holiday-maker 160-240 points

There's certainly no need to worry about whether or not you will enjoy your holiday — you really know how to let your hair down and have a good time.

Your idea of a good holiday is simple — just a break from your normal routine. It doesn't matter whether you're skiing at the poshest resort in Switzerland, sunning yourself in St. Tropez or just touring the countryside, you always make sure you enjoy yourself.

You take holiday problems in your stride. After all, there's no point in giving yourself a heart attack just because your flight is delayed, is there?

You believe in working hard and playing hard, and anyone sharing their holiday with you will thank their lucky stars they have such a lively companion.

Needs to relax 80-160 points

There's little doubt that you really look forward to your annual break away with your family and friends. But unfortunately you're one of life's worriers, and somehow you haven't quite worked out the best way to enjoy your holiday.

Somehow, all those little problems make you anxious. If you're not careful, they could easily spoil your holiday. Remember to keep everything in perspective. There's a funny, laid-back side to you that your family and friends know and love and it's just waiting to get out.

So relax, take it easy and make sure you make the most of your holiday. After all, it only happens once a year.

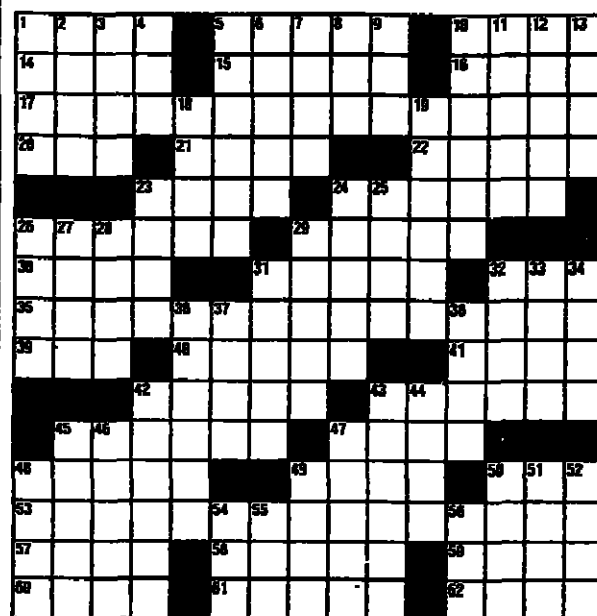
What a misery 0-80 points

Well, you're a miserable holiday pooper if ever there was one. If you had your way all holidays would be banned and you would spend your spare time firmly entrenched at home in front of the television.

You have a hatred of beach holidays that verges on paranoia and you're absolutely terrified of any kind of activity holiday. It is highly likely that your holiday fears stem from bad memories of some disastrous break back in your dim and distant past. But put such fears from your mind. After all, it's not the end of the world if you've forgotten your sunglasses or your partner rubs in sand with the sun cream.

Remember, a holiday isn't an endurance test. It is to be enjoyed, so why not face it with some enthusiasm. Who knows, you might even enjoy yourself!

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Request to Gabriel
 - Solar year excess
 - Spasm
 - Lady Chaplin
 - Nouveau —
 - Celebes ox
 - Aspirin?
 - Word of assent
 - It's sometimes noisier
 - Dispirits
 - Pedro's
 - "Positively!"
 - Electron tubes
 - "Lucia" highlight
 - Usher's milieu
 - Bern's stream
 - Of the ear
 - Author Talese
 - Post offices?
 - Word with loft or maker
 - Clothe
 - Stars
 - Speculate
 - Pool owner's need
 - Roman magistrates
 - Precise
 - Straighten
 - Trig function
 - See #2 Across
 - Run-of-the-mill porters?
 - avail (futilely)
 - Preside
- DOWN**
- No and every chaser
 - Erudition
 - Burden
 - Cornic
 - Borghese
 - Florence's —
 - Veem for
 - Guesars
 - Pro trailer
 - March
 - Horse's hook
 - Yule tunes
 - Weaponry for hoods
 - Tony's cousin
 - Handsome youth
 - Halt
 - Sorrowful song
 - Munich's river
 - Obi
 - "I could — horse"
 - Medical picture
 - Bode
 - Peruvian range
 - Midge
 - Cutting tool
 - Flanders river
 - Flang
 - "Picnic" playwright
 - Like a fictional

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—East-West vulnerable, as

South you hold:

♠AKJ8763 ♥Void ♦KQ542 ♣A

Your partner deals and opens four hearts. What action do you take?

A.—A hand that, at first glance, needed little for slam now might not even produce game, especially at this vulnerability. Since partner cannot hold two aces, you have one sure red-suit loser and who knows how many others, especially if the opening lead is a club. You have useful cards for partner. Pass, and hope he makes it.

Q.2—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AKJ72 ♥6 ♦Q876 ♣A83

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—Even if you play four-card majors, a bid of three spades now would promise a six-card suit. Suggest an unbalanced hand by bidding three diamonds. Don't worry about the quality of your suit. You are simply showing your distribution so that you and your partner can proceed intelligently to the best contract.

Q.3—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AKJ72 ♥63 ♦Q87 ♣A83

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

1 ♠ Pass 2 NT Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—Unless partner is able to jump on the next round, you have enough for only one bid. That does not mean that you should depart from the normal principle of showing your suits up-the-line. Bid one heart, even though the quality of your spade suit is better.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠AQ652 ♥6 ♦Q876 ♣A43

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

Pass Pass 1 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—Don't develop a fixation about your five-card spade suit and heart weakness. Show a minimum balanced hand by raising to three no trump. With his no trump jump, partner promised a heart stopper and a balanced hand of 13-15 points.

Q.5—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠AJ93 ♥Q754 ♦J102 ♣62

The bidding has proceeded:

North East South West

1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—The problem with bidding two diamonds is what do you do if partner next bids two hearts? A preference to three clubs now shows a better hand than you have. You can avoid most rebid problems by raising to three clubs immediately.

Q.6—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠J9643 ♥A ♦A986 ♣A102

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East

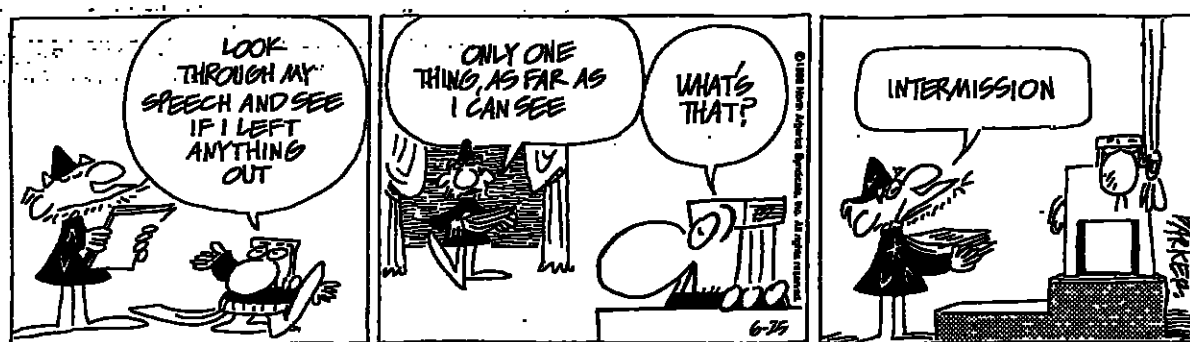
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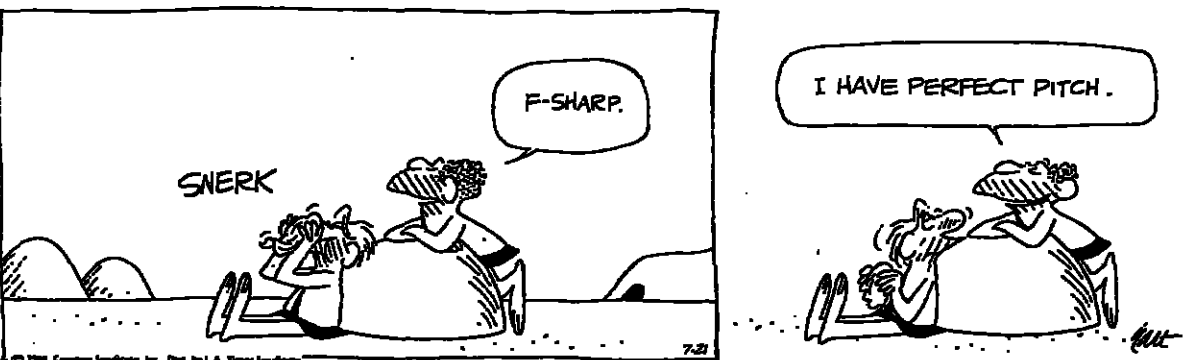
THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



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By Johnny Hart



YOUR STARS



Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should not do the first thing that comes to mind. You will have to hurry to do all you have in mind so there is no time to waste. You must make sure you do not exceed any speed limits. Be tolerant.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

You should not leave until later something that you well know should be done now. You will tend to be a little impatient and should try to contain yourself. You should keep your wits very much about you. Be objective.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

You will feel a little on the nervous side and should do your utmost to keep calm and collected. Try to have a good laugh at yourself. Do not think you have nothing more to learn. Be a little more moderate.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You should consider an offer or proposal carefully and not allow yourself to be taken in by it. You will have a good opportunity but you may well miss it by not being prompt enough. Try to show a little more sympathy for a friend who is having a hard time. Be observant.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Not everything will be to your liking but you will find it possible to adapt to what cannot be changed. Make sure you do not overture yours-elf. Avoid anything that would be injurious to your health. Be tactful.



Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should try to ensure that you stay on good terms with your friends. A little more patience and tact is what is needed just now. Do not allow your emotions to run away with you. Be resilient.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You should try to show a little more goodwill towards others. You will be able to do something that is of great interest to you. Avoid allowing a hobby to become an obsession. Be cordial.





Indian women: trapped in a vicious circle of ignorance and ignominy

Gloomy outlook for Indian women

By Moses Manoharan

NEW DELHI, (Reuters): For most Indian women, growing up in an overwhelmingly male-dominated society is hell.

But through quirks of culture and history, there are some bright spots in certain parts in India, where women make up 47 per cent of the 800 million population.

"There is a wide disparity in the status of women, depending on the part of India you live in," said Women's Affairs Minister Margaret Alva, who spoke recently at a conference of eminent women from all over the country.

Alva announced a wide-ranging programme to improve the lot of Indian women by the year 2000, through education and job opportunities.

She told the conference the programme also included tough action against the outlawed dowry system, which is blamed for the killing of hundreds of brides annually. It also involved the introduc-

tion of a law to overcome restrictions on maintenance payments for divorced Muslim women.

"For the most part, we live miserable lives. It is hell to grow up in India for the average woman," said sociologist Thankamma Jacob.

She said in most parts of India women lacked the education to break free from cultural traditions that relegated them to second class status.

But women in Southern

Nair community, had one of the highest literacy rates in the country.

Women are the head of Nair families and are property owners, rare among Indian women. Their status has influenced other Kerala women to seek parity with men, Jacob said.

Among some of the tribal people of Northern Meghalaya state, only women are allowed to own land and children take their mothers' surnames.

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India and some tribal areas of the North-East were far better off than the majority, enjoying the benefits of a matriarchal tradition and high literacy rates.

Jacob said women in her native southern India state of Kerala, as a result of the influence of the matriarchal

"It is not that we look down on our men. But why should we change? Ours is like a paradise where no child is illegitimate because it always bears the mother's name," said Maya Rani Kyndiah, a Meghalaya social worker official.

The picture is gloomy in the northern state of Rajasthan,

where the government is struggling to contain a campaign to promote sati, the outlawed Hindu tradition of a wife immolating herself on her husband's funeral pyre.

Social welfare officials such as Romila Chopra blame the Hindu doctrine of Karma, in which people are rewarded or punished for their actions in former lives, for the lack of progress of women's rights in India.

"Our dependence on this tradition made women accept their lot without questioning. We are trying to create an awareness against this," said Chopra, of the Central Social Welfare Board.

She said evils such as the dowry system, which led to brides being killed if their parents failed to pay enough, was prevalent in Northern India because of higher levels of illiteracy and poverty.

"Karma does play a role in our lives. But it shouldn't mean tolerating inhuman traditions," said Chopra.

Waldorf

Chicken salad

1 2-1/2-pound whole roasted chicken
1 large Granny Smith apple
2 celery stalks
1 small green pepper
1/2 small onion
1 cup seedless red grapes
1/2 cup walnuts
1 cup dark seedless raisins
2/3 cup orange juice
1/2 cup plain yogurt
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg (optional)
1/2 small head iceberg lettuce
About 20 minutes before serving:

1. Discard skin and bones from chicken; cut meat into bite-sized pieces and place in large bowl. Cut unpeeled apple into bite-sized pieces. Slice celery diagonally. Dice green pepper and onion. Cut each grape in half. Coarsely chop walnuts. Add apple, celery, green pepper, onion, grapes, raisins, and half the walnuts to chicken.

2. In small bowl, with fork, beat orange juice, yogurt, salt, and nutmeg until blended. Pour over chicken mixture; toss to mix well.

3. Thinly slice lettuce. Line bowl with sliced lettuce; top with chicken mixture; sprinkle with remaining walnuts. Toss chicken mixture with lettuce before serving. Makes 4 main-dish servings. About 570 calories per serving.

Vegetable loaf

1 bunch spinach
1 10-ounce package frozen whole-kernel corn
1 10-ounce package frozen asparagus spears
1 10-ounce package frozen baby carrots
2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
2 8-ounce packages cream cheese
1 8 ounce container cottage cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper
About 4 hours before serving or early in day:

1. In large bowl, cover cleaned spinach leaves with very hot tap water; let stand about 3 minutes or until spinach is softened. Drain; pat spinach leaves dry with paper towels.

2. Line bottom and side of 9" by 5" loaf pan with softened spinach leaves, reserving a few leaves for covering top of loaf later. Set loaf pan aside.

3. Rinse frozen corn, asparagus, and baby carrots with running warm water to thaw, keeping vegetables separate. Drain; pat vegetables dry with paper towels.

4. In small bowl, sprinkle gelatin evenly over 1/3 cup cold water; let gelatin stand 5 minutes to soften. Add 1/2 cup very hot tap water to mixture and stir until gelatin completely dissolves, about 3 minutes.

5. In food processor with knife blade attached, blend cream cheese, cottage cheese, Parmesan cheese, salt, and pepper until smooth. With processor running, gradually pour in gelatin mixture; blend until well mixed.

6. Using about 1/2 cup of cheese mixture for each layer, carefully spread first cheese layer, carefully spread first spinach layer over bottom of loaf pan with layers of vegetables and ham, with layers of cheese mixture between each one, ending with cheese mixture. Start with one-half of corn, then one-half of asparagus, one-half of ham, all of the carrots; then remaining ham, asparagus, and corn. Cover final layer of cheese with reserved spinach leaves. Cover pan with plastic wrap or foil; refrigerate loaf at least 3 hours or until cheese is firm.

7. To serve, loosen edges of loaf with fingers and invert loaf onto platter. Makes 10 main-dish servings or 16 first-course servings. About 310 calories per main-dish serving. About 195 calories per first-course serving.

Poor Bangladeshi women lead a hard life

Oppressed by tradition

By Anis Ahmed

RAJSHAH, Bangladesh, (Reuters): Jannatul Ferdous was married when five years old and divorced at 17, a victim of a deep-seated discrimination against women that even the gallows cannot stop.

In Bangladesh, infant girls are married off by their impoverished fathers, poor women toil as housemaids or are forced into prostitution, female factory workers suffer from the prejudices of their male co-workers.

After a number of women were killed because their families could not meet demands for more dowry or for not permitting their husbands a second marriage, the government passed a law in 1983 providing the death sentence for crime against women.

Six people have since been hanged.

But women still suffer in the impoverished, overwhelmingly Muslim nation of 100 million.

"It was a nightmare," Jannatul said. "Maybe I was cursed before birth. Otherwise, why should I be born in poverty?"

Illegal

Her marriage was illegal — the minimum age is 18 for women and 21 for men — but government officials said child marriage flourishes because families cannot afford to pay the dowry expected at the legal age.

"The joy and pride of womanhood are fleeting for Bangladeshi women," said social welfare activist Monwar Rahman.

"Housemaids are often treated as slaves, female factory workers are discriminated against by their male colleagues. Giving birth to a girl is still considered an evil in some rural families," another activist, Shahida Hossain, said.

In early July, in the northern district of Rangpur, a nine-month-old boy was married to a five-month-old girl. The parents told reporters the girl's father would not have been able to pay the dowry if his daughter married later.

Lawyer Mohsina Khan said thousands of children were married every year. "They are virtually forced into a kind of prostitution scarcely before they learn to walk," she said in an interview.

Girls whose parents cannot afford to feed them may become housemaids, beggars



A young Bangladeshi girl attends to the family meals. Girls whose families cannot afford to feed them are often married off in childhood.

or prostitutes. But the 250 residents at a privately-funded women's rehabilitation centre, Mahila Shilpa Pratisthan, in the northern city of Rajshahi have some hope for the future.

Trained Since it was founded in 1974, the centre has trained more than 2,500 women in skills such as textile weaving, knitting, embroidery making, tailoring and poultry raising.

"Our first duty is to arouse a sense of self-respect, and independence among these luckless women, and then, to help them earn their living themselves," said Monwar Rahman, who works at the centre.

"Those who come to us are mostly from poor families where parents cannot feed the children. Others are divorced or unmarried," said head teacher Farida Begum.

Finding funds for the centre is a continuous struggle. It has received less than \$45,000 from foreign agencies, including the British-based Oxfam and the Canadian-based South Asian Partnership, in the past 15 years. It also gets a yearly government donation of \$330.

The centre, one of very few such institutions in Bangladesh, gives the students six months basic training and six months practical work experience. They earn up to the equivalent of \$30 a month.

"In some cases, husbands who abandoned their wives come back after the women start earning some money," 40-year-old Sarjina Begum said. "They often use force and hire thugs to steal their former wives. But we try to resist."

Fashion's new invention — the Eighties hippy

By Kathy Phillips

THE high-achieving career girl is hanging up her Armani suits in favour of a gentler uniform.

After power-dressing comes flower-power. Not the flirty florals of the summer which have disappeared in a puff of silk, but fashion's new invention — the Eighties hippy.

Exactly 20 years after the musical Hair started a fashion trend which signalled the end of the futuristic, plastic look of the Sixties, today's teenagers have rediscovered the Beatles.

In the hottest nightclubs — the Miami in London and Fury Murray's in Glasgow — "acid house" music is "where it's at" and Seventies dressing is de rigueur.

The 'smiley' T-shirts, flares,

platforms, jenkins and Donny Osmond caps which are now on midnight dance floors personify fashion's new nostalgia.

It is a trend that was started in a London club, Discotheque, some months ago when enthusiasts rushed to Dufferin Street, Soho, to buy their second-hand Seventies paraphernalia.

Meanwhile, in Paris, Christian Lacroix picked up the vibes and sent a rainbow of psychedelic knitwear — pattern on pattern, lime on pink, scarlet on purple — down the catwalks on models looking like some flash-backs to the Lonely Heart's Club Band.

And Martine Sitbon's girls grooved along the runway in crushed burgundy velvets embroidered with gold thread. Britain's Pam Hogg has been

pioneering the stretch velours and flares of our recent hippy past for four seasons, while Andrea Sargeant, designer of the Ghost label and now living and working in Italy, has made the new hippy look in droopy crepe viscose her forte.

Romantic "Isn't it about time we started looking forward?" says Lucille Lewin, owner of London's most progressive fashion chain.

"If the Seventies can be made to look modern and contemporary then I'm all for it. But I think we've had enough looking back."

There is a floppy, rather grubby element to the hippy look that I most dislike. If the fabrics can be re-coloured and used in a body-aware way, then the whole look will be inter-

tingly re-interpreted and updated.

But designers have always been caught up with a fascination for the clothes of decades and centuries past.

The best of them use that inspiration to shape their clothes — thanks to new technology and innovative use of fabric — towards the future.

The new hippy look, stylised with old silver jewellery, pretty lace footwear and romantic millinery, is an affectionate version of its predecessor.

The emergence of this look after the short, hot chic images of a season ago does suggest a change of mood in women.

The high achiever may well be reconsidering her position and longing for a return to the affairs of home and heart, not to mention peace and love.

FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALLAN BRUCKHEIM

QUESTION: Our neighbours are always fighting. The battles keep the neighbourhood awake. But I am truly concerned about their kids. What are these battles doing to their children?

ANSWER: Parents who continually argue in front of their children may not realise the harm this behaviour may cause. While it is true that children can learn how to deal with problems by observing their parents rationally working out a difference of opinion and reaching a friendly compromise, life doesn't always imitate truth. In the heat of the moment, some parents may not have enough self-control to stop from blindly lashing out or the emotional strength to see how their anger is affecting the people around them. Fighting for them is often a way of "blowing off steam," or releasing some inner frustration which may not be directly related to the start of the argument.

For instance, a woman who feels lonely and neglected by her husband may nag him to switch off the football game, saying it gives her a headache; or a man might reject his wife's cooking in response to problems at work. The trouble is kids don't know that. They react to what they see and hear. And sometimes this can result in signals as mixed as the old adage: Do as I tell you, not as I do. Ideally, say the experts, children thrive in an atmosphere that's open, honest and lov-

CHILDREN THRIVE IN AN OPEN, LOVING, HONEST HOME

ing; an atmosphere where family members interact with maturity, consideration and respect for each other. If arguments occur, youngsters can be taught to understand differences of opinion and be encouraged to contribute to the discussion. Conversely, parents who always conceal their problems distance themselves from their children and rob them of this learning process. Somewhere in between the two lies the danger zone: arguments that are unproductive and meant to cause pain.

The range of reactions children express to destructive kinds of fighting swing between the look of anxiety on an infant's face to fear of divorce in older children. It's also very common for youngsters to feel they must choose up sides, to blame themselves for their parents' problems, as well as take them to heart. Children may worry that they are no longer loved, that their parents will harm them or one another, or that a family member will be sent to jail for becoming violent. Often (in young children) the ability to recognise symbolic language is not developed yet, and they take what adults say too literally. It's therefore very important for parents to explain what has been said in terms that the child can easily understand. If they do not, the child's anxiety may continue to grow and adversely affect not only his or her emotional health, but social develop-

ment. ACROSS MY DESK: No, the old family doctor is not extinct. Today family doctors are called "family physicians" and receive their special training in almost 400 approved residency programmes across the nation. But if you think that these new "docs" will resemble the old, a report by Drs James B. Tucker and Katherine L. Margo, of the State University of New York Health Science Centre at Syracuse, may surprise you.

They sent questionnaires to the 1,400 women enrolled as residents in accredited Family Practice Residency Programmes (roughly one-fourth of all physicians in this training) and discovered some interesting facts. Of all those responding to the inquiry, 56 per cent were married, 36 per cent had never been married, 7 per cent were separated or divorced and 0.4 per cent were widowed. Many were mothers (22 per cent) and about one in five had at least one pre-school-aged child. About 9 per cent had become mothers during their training period while 8 per cent actually became pregnant during their training period. It would seem that the family physician of the future may well understand the special medical problems of women, because she has experienced some of them personally.

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Paloma Picasso: displaying a flair for big business

By Melissa Sones

NEW YORK, (UPI): Paloma Picasso is becoming as prolific a businesswoman as her father was a painter.

In addition to jewellery for Tiffany & Co. and a fragrance, Picasso has bath products and sunglasses as of spring 1988: china, crystal, ceramic tile and a complete line of accessories due in September 1988.

"It's exploding this year," she said, noting that her father's productivity is what she has long admired, believing it to be the result of a striking ability to "focus so fast" and move on without down time.

Asked about her own considerable output, she says, "If I have an appointment at 9 with the plate people, I think plates." But left alone to design, "then I find excuses."

Paloma Picasso is sensitive about comparisons to her father and she is fierce about personal independence. Her strongest move to date is the creation of Lopez Cambil Ltd., the accessories company she began in March with husband Rafael Lopez Cambil whose line debuts in the fall.

These are not, she repeats, products by licensing arrangement or contract with another company as her others are.

"We realised it's not easy to work with big companies," she said, "and there are too many people making decisions."

Picasso products, from handbags to plates, are easily recognisable, beginning with

the red and black colour scheme of Picasso's own lips and hair: red and black borders on her new plates, the inside cuff of a glitzy gauntlet glove or the lining of a black leather belt.

And, beginning with the Tiffany collection, she frequently uses a bold, heavy jewellery motif. Handbags have handles that look like gold bracelets. There are crystals imbedded in ceramic tiles, gold charms on handbags and her perfume bottle is shaped like a pair of earrings she owned.

A wild, eccentric dresser in the 1960s and '70s, Picasso now wears Azzedine Alaia, strict, hard-edged clothes not unlike her hard-edged handbags, heavy jewellery and severe personal appearance.

"People are sure when they meet me, from the photographs, to see somebody who is rather severe and frightening to people."

"I guess because I used to be so timid, in order to protect myself I constructed this image which is really me but I'm much softer in real life."

There is also an identifiable Picasso shape, from the round

doughnut-shaped perfume bottle and the circular charms to signature striped viscose disc bags — not to mention her own figure.

In a similar vein are large silk scarves printed with the pages of her maternal grandfather's journal, right down to the ink and perfume stains. Her grandfather, Emile Gilot, was a performer in Paris and Picasso recalls that "when I was a little girl, every department store you went to, there was a Gilot stand with my grandfather's name."

As for the Picasso name, shoes and hats are under consideration. Clothes are out.

As for Arianna Huffington's controversial Picasso biography that portrays her father as a cruel sadist, she said she doesn't know if spreading the name around helps business.

"I don't like the book too much," she said. "Anyway, I think what I'm doing is defeating the purpose of her book, which is calling Picasso 'the destroyer.' Apparently I'm surviving it pretty well so not everyone who came in contact with him was necessarily destroyed by him."

ANDY CAPP



By Smith

BUSINESS & FINANCE

Despite threats of protectionism and resurging inflation

GATT economists see world trade growing 5pc in '88

GENEVA, Aug. 2, (Reuters): World trade should expand by five per cent in 1988, the same rate as last year, despite threats of protectionism and resurging inflation, GATT economists said today.

In an annual forecast called the international trade report for 1987/88, the Geneva-based General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) said the most striking feature of the world economy over the last year was its "unexpected resiliency."

"Most current projections anticipate that output growth this year and next will be very close to the three per cent recorded in 1987 — not spectacular, but much better than was being forecast as recently as six months ago," it said.

The GATT team, headed by Richard Blackhurst, cited what it called the relative stability of major currencies since December and progress in reducing the US budget deficit as positive elements in the current economic climate.

A recent strengthening of domestic demand in Japan, and an increase in the personal savings rate in the United States were beginning to correct the trade imbalances, the report added.

Problems

But the 67-page document warned the exchange rate mechanism on its own was not sufficient to bring about the changes in trade volumes needed

to reduce a current account imbalance, and must be coupled with appropriate fiscal policies.

It cited problems which continue to cast a "cloud of uncertainty" over world economy's outlook: the Third World debt problem, chronic unemployment in many countries, and the large current account imbalances of the three leading nations (Japan, the United States and West Germany).

"Recurring fears of a possible resurgence of inflation — resulting, for example, from exchange rate depreciation or high levels of capacity utilisation — and protectionist pressures are two more reasons why recent upward revision in forecasts of economic growth have often been coupled

with warnings about complacency."

The GATT report said five consecutive years of growth had brought the volume of world merchandise trade to a record level — 25 per cent above that of 1982.

Value

The value of merchandise exports jumped by about 16.5 per cent last year to a record \$2,475 billion, thanks to greater volume, higher petroleum prices, dollar depreciation, and the impact of dollar prices of national inflation rates.

Trade in manufactures measured in volume, expanded by 5.5 per cent last year, against four per cent in 1986, to be the driving force behind the overall

growth in merchandise volume.

The GATT economists reported a marked change in US trade performance, as imports of manufactured goods expanded by only six per cent against 13.5 per cent in 1986. Exports jumped by 16 per cent against 7.5 per cent in 1986.

But four Asian states — the so-called "little dragons", Hong Kong, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan — combined to account for nine per cent of world exports in manufactures and six per cent of imports last year.

Electronic products and chemicals were the most dynamic sectors of world trade in manufactures, and now represent 12 per cent and 13.5 per cent of

overall volume.

World agricultural output declined for the first time since 1950, by an estimated three per cent.

Despite greater commercial policy friction between major nations and increasing resort to export subsidies, trade in farm goods expanded by 4.5 per cent last year — for its best performance since 1981.

The GATT report noted stronger commodity prices this year, but called for agricultural discipline: "Improvements since the beginning of 1987 do nothing to reduce the urgency of long overdue reforms of trade-related policies in agriculture."

In contrast, trade in mining products rose by one per cent.

Despite yen's strength, overall exports continue to rise

Japan trims surplus as growth surges

TOKYO, Aug. 2: Surging imports during June narrowed Japan's current-account balance of payments surplus from a year earlier, the government reported today.

Meanwhile, Japan's jobless rate sank to the lowest level in more than five years, amid vigorous domestic economic growth that has boosted demand for imports.

The Finance Ministry reported that Japan's surplus trade in goods, services and certain unilateral transfers narrowed to \$6.43 billion in June from \$7.5 billion a year earlier, but grew from \$5.79 billion in the previous year.

The merchandise-trade balance showed the same pattern: A surplus of \$7.38 billion in June fell from \$8.04 billion in the year-earlier month but increased from \$6.61 billion in May.

The trend in foreign trade appeared to continue into July. The Finance Ministry reported a preliminary unadjusted trade surplus of \$3.46 billion in the first 20 days of July, narrowing from a surplus of \$3.92 billion a year earlier.

Exports rose 19 per cent to \$13.92 billion from \$11.74 billion a year earlier. But imports rose 34 per cent to \$10.46 billion from \$7.82 billion a year earlier. The ministry provides complete data and explanations only in the full monthly report.

In a separate report, the statistics bureau of the prime mini-

ster's office said Japan's unemployment rate, seasonally adjusted, stood at 2.4 per cent of the labour force in June, the lowest level in five years, and seven months. That represented a 0.1 percentage point drop from the previous month.

Japan's unemployment has been falling steadily since it climbed to 3.1 per cent in May last year. The latest statistics indicate that Japanese companies are becoming increasingly eager to hire more people because of rapidly growing domestic demand.

Japan's work force was at its highest level on record, with 61.06 million people employed in June. The number of job holders was unchanged from May, but represented an increase of 1.1 million from a year earlier. June was the eighth consecutive month in which the number of job holders grew more than 900,000 persons from the year-earlier levels.

Officials said 36.4 million of the job holders were men, an increase of 620,000 from a year earlier, and the rest women, up 480,000. The number of Japanese without work in June, seasonally adjusted, came to 1.45 million, falling 90,000 from May.

Workers

The number of workers rose in all industries except in agriculture, which reported a drop of 1.4 per cent from the year-earlier level, or 70,000. The construction industry showed an increase

of 5.2 per cent, or 280,000, reflecting the present strong construction activity.

Although the pace of growth has slackened, the government has been pushing various construction projects as a means of stimulating domestic demand and changing the structure of industry so it won't depend heavily on exports for business.

The traditionally heavy reliance on exports by Japanese manufacturers is a major cause of the country's large trade surplus and criticism in the US and other countries.

But the June data suggested that the source of those frictions may fade as Japanese consumers boost purchases of foreign goods. Imports, as measured when contracts were settled, continued to surge in June. Imported goods increased 35 per cent from a year earlier on top of a 34 per cent gain in May to a record \$14.03 billion, and surpassing the previous record of \$13.46 billion set last April. They grew 4.2 per cent from \$13.46 billion in the previous month.

Finance Ministry officials said imports of lumber, non-ferrous metals and steel have been especially strong.

Despite the yen's strength, overall exports also continued to rise, maintaining a double-digit pace that started in November last year.

In June, they jumped 16 per cent to \$21.41 billion from \$18.43 billion a year earlier and grew 6.7

per cent from \$20.06 billion in May.

Shipments of such products as semiconductors, steel and business machines were brisk, officials said.

"The US economy has been doing very well and that is one of the major reasons for the increase, despite the yen's appreciation," one official said.

The year's rapid rise since late 1985 had been restraining exports for some time as it made Japanese products more expensive in overseas markets and eroded their price competitiveness.

In another report, the Japan Automobile Manufacturers' Association announced that Japanese auto exports in the first half of 1988 fell 5.1 per cent from a year earlier, as auto makers continued to adjust to the yen's appreciation. The manufacturers' association reported that Japanese auto makers exported 3,662,285 four-wheeled motor vehicles in the first six months of this year, marking the fourth year-to-year decline in as many six-month periods.

The last time exports expanded from the year-earlier levels was in the first half of 1986, when they rose 5.2 per cent.

Exports of Japanese cars, trucks and buses have been slackening because of the yen's sharp appreciation since late 1985, which has forced makers to raise car prices at the expense of competitiveness.

GCC oil ministers to review oil market

OIL ministers of the six-nation Gulf Co-operation Council will meet in September to discuss the glut on the world oil market and the stability of oil prices, the Kuwait News Agency reported yesterday.

Citing unidentified sources, KUNA said the GCC secretariat is consulting with the oil ministers of the six nations to finalise an exact date for the meeting at the organisation's headquarters in Riyadh.

The GCC is composed of four member nations of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and the UAE along with Bahrain and Oman.

The sources said that the ministers were keen to find a means of driving prices up to the OPEC benchmark of \$18 a barrel.

Production

KUNA's sources said the GCC ministers were expected to appeal to the OPEC member states to adhere until the end of the year to the individual production quotas to absorb the surplus on the world market and thereby bolster oil prices.

Oil prices have been running an average \$3 below the benchmark price.

The sources expected the GCC ministers to warn the 13-nation group that further increases in oil production "could push oil prices to further deterioration if the member states do not adhere to the official decisions agreed upon."

Outcome

The GCC meeting will await the outcome of the meeting of OPEC's five-member price-monitoring committee this week. KUNA said the Venezuela, Algeria, Indonesia and Nigeria, is scheduled to begin talks tomorrow in Switzerland.

The pricing committee is meeting to the background of a possible end to the 8-year-old war between Iraq and Iran, both members of OPEC.

Growth of energy demand speeds up

LONDON, Aug. 2, (LPS): International energy consumption rose at the fastest rate for three years during 1987, according to the annual statistical review of world energy published by British Petroleum, Britain's largest company.

In the oil sector, however, demand grew at less than half the 1986 expansion rate.

The review shows that overall energy demand increased by 2.8 per cent to 7800 million tonnes oil equivalent. While the rise in OECD countries was only 1.9 per cent this was offset by stronger demand elsewhere.

Demand for oil through the world rose by 1.4 per cent in 1987 to more than 61 million barrels a day, well below the 3 per cent increase in 1986. This was largely the result of a recovery in oil prices which improved the competitiveness of other fuels, says BP.

World oil production remained almost level at just over 60 million barrels a day, compared to an increase of 4.8 per cent the previous year. Output in OPEC countries declined by 2.7 per cent to 19 million barrels a day, (including natural gas liquids), and United States production dropped by 3.6 per cent. This was offset by greater production in the Soviet Union

which was the top oil producer for 1987 with 12.7 million barrels a day, followed respectively by the United States, Saudi Arabia, Mexico and China.

Mainly as a result of major revisions by Venezuela, Abu Dhabi, Iraq and Iran, published proved oil reserves increased by a massive 27 per cent, adding nearly ten years to the life of the world's reserves at current rates of production. Amounting to 8,96,500 barrels, they are now expected to last about 40 years.

Capacity

The rate of decline in Western Europe's refining capacity steadied, and some previously closed refineries were actually reopened. All other areas increased their capacity or remained steady.

The United States led the world in oil consumption, averaging 16 million barrels a day. The other top consumers were the Soviet Union, Japan, West Germany and China.

Natural gas production grew by 5.3 per cent last year to more than 1,600 million tonnes oil equivalent. Growth reflected higher demand as prices became more competitive with oil.

In Western Europe natural gas consumption rose by 6.4 per cent to more than 206 million tonnes oil equivalent. United States

consumption increased by 2.6 per cent for the year.

The Soviet Union continues as the world's largest gas producer and set a new record with a production increase of 5.8 per cent to 653 million tonnes oil equivalent.

Coal consumption worldwide grew by 2.9 per cent, while output rose by 3.4 per cent. China was the top consumer at more than 553 million tonnes oil equivalent. Both the Soviet Union and the United States reached record coal output levels.

The world demand for nuclear energy continues to grow. It was up 7.3 per cent in 1987 to 404 million tonnes oil equivalent.

The BP Statistical Review of World Energy provides a comprehensive analysis of the performance of the world oil industry. It covers reserves, production and consumption as well as trade and refinery utilisation.

Global statistics on gas, coal, hydro-electric and nuclear energy are also included, though such fuels as wood, peat, and animal waste, important in many countries, are excluded as not being reliably documented.

Last year's launch of the review on computer diskette has proved highly successful and will be continued this year, including updates on diskette.

India's foreign debt not alarming, say economists

NEW DELHI, Aug. 2, (Reuters): Government and private economists, optimistic about India's growing exports, said today the country's foreign debt was not alarming in the long-term but there was cause for concern in the short-term.

They were reacting to a report to Parliament on Friday which said India was heading for trouble with both its external and internal debt.

The report by Auditor-General T.N. Chaturvedi, India's top fiscal watchdog, said external debt had risen 79.6 per cent in the six years ending in March 1987.

He said it had gone up from Rs113 billion (\$8 billion) to Rs203 (\$15.2 billion) in that period and was forecast at Rs225.2 billion (\$16 billion) in

1987/88. Economist D.H. Pai Panandikar said there could be problems in the short-term mainly because repayments to the International Monetary Fund had been bunched together.

"But in the long-term we need not take that restrictive view because we estimate exports will increase by six or seven per cent a year up to 1990," he said.

In 1987/88 India's exports grew about 25 per cent, rising to Rs157 billion (\$11.2 billion) from 125.6 (\$8.9 billion) the year before.

Panandikar, who is also secretary-general of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce, advocated more international borrowing to

increase this growth rate.

"A higher rate of growth of exports combined with larger external borrowing is the best to stimulate the economy," he said.

However, the auditor-general said that in 1986/87, 54.6 per cent of new external loans totalling Rs30 billion (\$2.1 billion) went into repaying the principal and interest on earlier loans.

Exports

India's current five-year plan recommended a debt service ratio of less than 20 per cent but a recent government economic survey estimated it at 23 or 24 per cent in 1987/88.

The auditor-general said substantial and sustained export growth, effective import substitution and better fiscal management were needed, otherwise

Industrial investment up

DUBAI, Aug. 2, (OPECNA): Industrial investment in the emirate of Dubai reached \$2.40 billion last year, nearly 20 times higher than in 1977.

Figures released here by the emirates Industrial Bank said Dubai accounted for 63 per cent of the total industrial investment in the UAE.

Oil traders said UAE's investment performance was largely due to its oil revenues estimated at about \$2 billion a year.

The value of industrial production in the country rose from \$160 million in 1977 to \$10 million in 1987, the bank said.

Foreign companies operating in UAE are expected to invest over \$1 billion during the next few years.

China enacts law giving more power to enterprises

BEIJING, Aug. 2, (AP): China today enacted a law that will end direct state controls over manufacturing enterprises and give factory managers greater freedom over their operations.

The introduction of the law also came with warnings that factories will no longer be able to live off state largess, and will face bankruptcy if they fail to respond to market competition.

The law, passed by the National People's Congress last April, gives factory managers greater autonomy over planning and personnel, and makes them responsible for profits and losses.

It is to be followed in November by enactment of China's first bankruptcy law, which will set down rules for shutting down insolvent plants.

System

The "manager responsibility system" was widely practiced before becoming legal. It has been hailed as a major step in the government's drive to reduce the role of central planning and make industry more efficient by linking its production to market-determined supply and demand factors.

Zhang Yanning, deputy minister of the State Commission for restructuring the economy, said last week that government

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departments, which previously exercised direct control over industries, should abide by the principle of "the state regulates the market, which in turn guides the enterprises."

Several years of experimenting with the manager responsibility system, however, has proved the difficulty of following that principle.

Factory managers are still at the mercy of state allocations departments that control disbursement of scarce and increasingly expensive energy and raw materials. Managers are also thwarted by low state-set prices for many of their products.

Approximately one-fourth of China's state-run enterprises are operating at a deficit, and the number is rising with recent sharp increases in the costs of raw materials.

The People's Daily (Renmin Ribao), the official voice of the Communist Party, said in a front-page commentary today that China's 10-year-old economic reforms have "entered a critical stage."

Enterprises can no longer harbour the illusion that the state will provide low-priced raw materials and subsidies to cover losses, it said. Banks will not be a certain source of low-interest loans.

World Business Summary

Italy seeks to step up trade links with Iran

ROME, Aug. 2, (Reuters): Italian Foreign Trade Minister Renato Ruggiero flew to Iran with a team of business leaders today to pursue Italy's diplomatic role in the Gulf and foster trade. Ruggiero was the first Western government minister to visit Iran since negotiations to end the Gulf war started last month. He was to attend a meeting of an Italian-Iranian trade commission and meet Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Molesavi and Parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, a spokesman said. The meeting of the trade commission is its first since the fall of the Shah in 1979 and is intended to give Italian industry a head start in seeking orders to participate in rebuilding Iran's economy if there is peace in the Gulf. Italian industrialists want to develop the Iranian market in food, chemicals and pharmaceuticals. Car giant Fiat has voiced an interest in exporting cars and agricultural machinery and in possibly starting an assembly line in Iran. The talks will also focus on Italian demands for repayment of sums worth around \$1.4 billion owed by Iran to Italian industry, relating to several big projects started by the Shah. They include construction of port facilities at Bandar Abbas.

Italy has maintained good relations with both Iran and Iraq. Italian and West German officials have said Foreign Minister Giulio Andreotti played a role in persuading Tehran to enter ceasefire negotiations and UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar has asked Italy to help monitor any agreement. Ruggiero was to have held talks in Rome last month with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz on trade but the visit was cancelled after talks on a Gulf war ceasefire started.

World raw material prices rise to 1980 level, says study

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2, (AP): World prices for raw materials, which have been depressed for years, rose to the 1980 level and beyond in June, the International Monetary Fund reported yesterday.

The current rise began in February and hit 6 per cent in June, the biggest month-to-month increase this year, said the fund's monthly "IMF Memorandum." Some of the biggest increases were in crops hit by the drought in the United States, although the fund did not refer to the cause. It noted that the rise was particularly sharp for maize (33.2 per cent), soybeans (23.5 per cent), and wheat (16.2 per cent). These increases are in terms of the US dollar. In dollar terms raw material prices overall were 5 per cent above the 1980 level. They reached the 1980 level in terms of the fund's "Special Drawing Rights" (SDRs). The value of the SDR is based on a weighted average of the Japanese yen, the West German mark, the French franc and the British pound as well as the dollar.

On Monday the SDR was worth \$1.297. Flaring price changes in SDRs reduces the effect of a rise or drop in any of the five currencies. The fund noted that the price of the dollar rose sharply in June: 4.03 per cent, when the volume of trade with each country is taken into account. The dollar was up more than 10 per cent against the yen between June 1987 and June 1988 though it dropped against the currencies of most leading countries.

In dollar terms prices for commodities rose 36.8 per cent in that period. In SDR terms the rise was 30.8 per cent. In June of this year there were also price increases for raw materials that should help Third World countries. They have long been complaining that they suffer from unfavourable terms of trade: rising prices for industrial goods they have to import, and a fall in the price of the raw materials they have to sell.

IWC sees crisis over Third World food bills at century's end

LONDON, Aug. 2, (Reuters): A future in which the Third World needs huge grain imports to feed its people but cannot afford prices that would persuade exporters to grow it was envisaged today by the International Wheat Council. A study by the IWC, a worldwide grain trade organisation, said developing countries may account for almost 80 per cent of trade in grains by the year 2000, compared with half in 1985. Developing countries are becoming more and more reliant on the world market to provide their basic food needs, it said. But it also said: "There is an evident, and possibly widening, gap between the prices which many of the importers can afford to pay for their grain and the returns which producers, even low cost ones, need if they are to remain in business."

It said its projections were tentative. But it thought it likely that grain imports by Third World nations and China would reach 170 million tonnes by the year 2000, from 101 million in 1985. Third World imports were headed higher not only because of rapidly rising populations, dietary changes and economic growth, but because of an influx of poor people to the cities. Developing countries tended to subsidise food consumption to satisfy city dwellers, further boosting imports — for example, a standard white bread loaf costs 177 cents per kilo in the United States, 10 cents in Brazil and 18 cents in Egypt. The IWC, noting the impact of the present American drought, said developing countries were vulnerable to any rise in prices. If these did no more than return to 1980 levels, the cost of Third World imports would jump to \$25 billion from 14 billion in 1986.

Exports continue to grow

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 2, (AP): South Korea exported \$5.18 billion worth of merchandise in July, up 18 per cent from June and 22.8 per cent from the same month last year, government officials said yesterday. Officials at the Ministry of Trade and Industry said July's figure boosted South Korea's total exports during the first seven months of the year to \$32.3 billion, up 26.1 per cent from the same period last year. Imports in July rose to \$4.47 billion, up 23.3 per cent from the same month last year, yielding a seven-month total of \$28.6 billion, a 28.2 per cent increase from the corresponding period last year, the officials said. The trade figures resulted in a trade surplus in July of \$17.1 million, and a surplus of \$3.7 billion for the first seven months of the year.

South Korea plans to export \$56 billion worth of goods this year, up 17.8 per cent from last year.

London coffee futures plunge

LONDON, Aug. 2, (Reuters): London Robusta grade coffee prices plunged to their lowest levels for seven years this afternoon, the second such collapse in less than a week. Traders said the movement reflected a sharp decline in New York coffee on Monday, prompted in part by continued concern over the future of talks between members of the International Coffee Organisation (ICO), an association of the world's coffee producing and consuming nations.

Robusta Coffee, a cheaper grade, for September delivery was trading at \$920 (\$1,582) a tonne in mid-afternoon in London after touching a low of \$875 (\$1,505), down from Monday's closing price of \$1,010 (\$1,737). ICO preliminary talks in London last week, in which the market hoped the 74-nation group would agree a new quota-fixing price support pact, ended in failure. The current pact which regulates sales to ICO coffee consuming nations, is due to expire in September next year. Last Thursday Robusta futures touched seven-year lows when the September contract fell briefly to \$957 (\$1,646) a tonne. In 1981 coffee prices touched a low of around \$700 (\$1,204) before soaring to more than \$1,100 (\$1,892) after a July frost in Brazil.

Dealers said a lack of confidence in the ICO's ability to support prices in a market already awash with surpluses of the cheaper coffee grades contributed to the latest collapse.

The ICO is due to pick up negotiations next month in a full council session. The more prices fall the more difficult it will be for the ICO next month to agree new quotas for the year starting in October, one London broker said.

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International Bond Highlights

Tokyo — Mitsui Toatsu Chemicals Inc said it will issue 200 mln dls in bonds with warrants through public placement, with Nomura International Ltd as lead manager. The coupon for the par-priced bond, maturing on August 18, 1992, will be set at the company's board meeting on August 10. (RTYJ 0802)

Tokyo — Food processing company Nichirei Corp said it will issue 100 mln dls in warrant bonds in overseas markets excluding the US the bonds will mature on August 31, 1992. (RTYJ 0808)

London — The UK government will repay early the 2.5 billion dlr floating rate note due October 1992 at par, Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson said. A new programme of UK ECU Treasury bills will be launched in the autumn, he added. (RTTI 1049) The decision to call the notes will not affect the government's funding position or the planned issuance of gilts, said economists. (RTUG 1356)

London — The Bank of England said it will auction a further 750 mln stg tranche of 8-1/2 pct treasury stock due 1994 on a bid price basis at its gilt auction on August 10. (RTVK 1451)

Interbank Rates

CALL	ONE MONTH	THREE MONTH
LDN 9-7/16 3/4	10-7/16 3/16	10-7/8 3/4
FFI 4.90/5.00	5.15/20	5.20/30
PAR 6-15/16 7-1/16	7-1/16 3/16	7-5/16 7/16
ZUR 1-5/8 1-7/8	3-1/4 3-1/2	3-3/4 4
BRX 3-7/8	6-3/4 13/16	7-1/8 1/4
ROM 10-1/2	10-5/8 11-1/8	11-11/2
AMS 5-0/5 5-1/4	5-1/8 5-1/4	5-3/8 5-1/2
TOK 3.68/5 7500	4.00/5 0625	4.0625 1250
ECU 6.75 7.00	7.00 7.12	7.25 7.37

Interest Rates

FOLLOWING are the average KD interest rates of local inter-bank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	5-1/16	5-7/16
3 months	5-3/8	6
6 months	6-1/16	6-3/8
1 year	6-1/8	6-1/2

BOMBAY

PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDIA	61	60	59	MICO	600	590	600
ACC	255	255	251.50	GRASIM	108.75	109	108	WOCIL	480	480
ASIA PAINT	157.50	158.75	153.75	JSFC	142	144	140	ORRAY	28.50	28.50
BAJAJ AUTO	225	227.50	225.50	HIND LEVER	69.50	69	69.50	PEICO	30	30.50
BAR. RAYON	242.50	245	240	HINDALCO	95	96	95	PFIZER	65	65
BOM. DYING	115	115	111	HINDCOOD	85	85	83.75	PHE. AUTO	33.50	33.50
BR. BOND	87	86	87	HINDMOTOR	28.50	29	26.75	RAYMOND	49	48
BSE INDEX	603.59	609.60	609.60	IND ORG	25.50	25.25	25.75	RELIANCE	208	209
CENTURYSPG	897.50	897.50	890	INDORAY	67.50	67.50	66	STENENS	70	69
COLGATE	225	226.25	222.50	INDROL	168.75	166.25	170	SPIC	52.25	52.50
DEEPAKFERT	40.50	41	40	ITC	45.50	44.50	45.50	STONHILLS	250	265
EL. HOTEL	50	49	50	JCSYNTH	63.75	63	64	TATA PUR	240	247.50
ESKAYEF	118.75	120	117.50	L AND T	108	110	109.50	TATACHEN	74	74.50
ESSAR	19.25	19.50	19	MAHINDRA	58.50	60.50	58.50	TELCO	677.50	680
GAR. POLY	80	79	78	MASTERSHR	10.50	10.25	10.50	TISCO	833.75	840
GE. SHIP	30	30.25	29.75	MATHER PL	51	50	52	VOLTAS	302.50	297.50

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR.-CLSE
AEG	202.3
ALLIANZ VR	1545.0
BADEMWERK	182.0
BASF	259.5
BAYER	293.5
BAYER HYP	334.0
BAYER VER	336.0
BIC	306.0
BHF	426.0
BHW	509.0
COMMERZB	231.2
CONTI GUM	259.5
DATINER BEN	682.0
DEUTSC BK	482.0
DLV	363.0
DRESDNER B	255.5
DT. BARCOCK	179.3
FAZ INDEX	489.42
FELDMUEHL	265.0
GOLDSCHEID	296.0
HARPENER	426.0
HOECHST AG	274.0
HOESCH	146.9
KORTEN	191.0
KUSSEL HLD	419.0
KAL. SALZ	160.2
KARSTADT	419.0
KAUFHOFF	357.5
KLOECK H	128.5
KLOECK U	0
LDNE	690.0
LUFTHANSA	142.7
MAN	197.5
MANHESMAN	169.0
MERCEDES	553.0
METALLGES	309.0
NIXDORF PF	455.0
NORSK HYD	60.50
PHILIP KOD	597.0
PORSCHE	565.0
PREUSSAG	182.0
PWA	216.0
RHEINMETAL	293.0
RAE	230.0
RAU P	216.0
SALAMANDER	517.5
SCHERING	517.5
SEL	295.0
STENENS	428.9
THYSEN	150.5
VARTA	281.0
VEBA	256.7
VEW	159.5
VOLKSWAGEN	247.0

HONG KONG

STOCK	LAST PR.-CLSE
C H TUNNEL	15.50
CHEUNG K	7.75
CHINA GAS	16.90
CHINA L-P	17.50
CHINA MOTR	23.60
COSMO PROP	4.00
EVERGO IND	.53
FAR EAST C	.85
GEN ORIENT	0
H C DEVELP	9.60
H S INDEX	701.09
HANG LUNG	5.30
HANG SENG	30.50
HAW PAR BR	0
HK ELEC CO	7.50
HK KOWLOON	8.30
HK LAND CO	8.50
HK SHAN BK	6.20
HK SHAN HT	5.05
HK TELE CO	6.70
HUTCH MAN	9.50
IND EQ PAC	12.80
JARDINE M	13.70
KOWLOON M	9.55
NEW WORLD	11.70
PAUL Y CON	2.78
REALTY DEV	7.10
S H K CO	2.23
S H K PROP	11.20
SINE DARY	2.05
STELLUX NFG	2.90
SWIRE PAC	19.00
T V B CO	13.40
TAT CHEUNG	3.78
UNIT BANK	1.65
WOCK MARD	0
WOCK MARI	0
WORLD INTL	3.80

TOKYO

STOCK	LAST PR.-CLSE	NITSUB CP	1150	1160
AJIMONOTO	2970	3000	NITSUB EST	2520
AKAI ELEC	620	621	NITSUB HYV	970
AKAI	970	970	NITSUBI CO	900
ASAHI GLS	1950	1970	NITSUBKOSHI	1860
ASAHI OPT	679	671	NITSUMI EL	1150
BANK TOKYO	1590	1600	NITCON	1360
BRIDGESTON	1380	1360	NINON CHMT	808
CANON	1460	1480	NIKKO SEC	1990
CASTO DHP	1300	1280	NIP ELEC	2290
CHUBAI CORP	1630	1630	NIP KOKKAN	665
CITIZEN U	840	843	NIP OIL	1100
D-ICHI KAN	3130	3140	NIP STEEL	777
DAI NIP IK	799	800	NIP YUSEN	758
DAI NIP TP	2550	2550	NIS MOTOR	1280
DAI NIP SC	1150	1160	NOMURA SEC	4040
DAP NIP TO	590	615	ONSA CO	960
DAICEL	875	868	OLYMPUS	1140
DATVAC B	2110	2000	PENTA OCH	840
DATVAC SEC	2610	2620	PIONEER	3720
EBRA MFG	930	925	RENOVIN	930
EISAI	2060	2060	RICOH	1320
FUJITSU	1820	1790	SANKYO	2100
FUJII BANK	3290	3250	SANYO ELEC	780
FUJII PHOTO	3910	4000	SEIYU ST	2300
FUJISAWA	1870	1850	SEKISUI PB	1790
FUJITA CP	750	745	SHARP	1230
HITACHI	2010	2010	SHISEIDO	1780
HONDA MOT	2360	2390	SHOJI	7050
ISETAN	2410	2180	SUNITOW	1130
ITO YOKADO	4400	4320	TAISEI	928
JAP SUN RU	1160	1130	TAISHO NRM	1130
JAPAN AIR	14800	14400	TAKEDA CH	2760
JAPAN MET	595	590	TEIJIN	806
KAJIMA	1480	1490	TKO NEW IX	253.10
KANSAI EL	3170	3250	TOKIO MKN	2060
KAO SOAP	1840	1840	TOKYO ELEC	1310
KAWASAKI H	737	730	TOKYO GAS	1240
KAWASAKI S	685	675	TOKYO POWR	5990
KIRIN BREW	2050	2060	TORAY IND	905
KONATSU	785	782	TOSHIBA EL	1160
KUBATO LTD	711	720	TOTO	2120
KYOCERA	6170	6250	TOYO KODDY	695
KYOKAI EL	1710	1750	TOYOTA MOT	2960
NARU	3080	3070	YAMAHA	1510
NATSUTA EI	2990	3050	YAMAHATCHI	2000
NATSUTA EL	0	2660	YAMAMOTOCH	4060
NETJI SEIK	915	910	YAMAZAKI	1510

Tokyo Stock Market Report

TOKYO STOCKS CLOSE SLIGHTLY UP AT RECORD HIGH. TOKYO, AUG. 2, REUTER - SHARE PRICES ROSE SLIGHTLY TO A RECORD CLOSE ON BUYING OF SPECULATIVE ISSUES AFTER A LACKLUSTRE SESSION, BROKERS SAID.

"THE MARKET IS NOT GOING UP ON FUNDAMENTALS. IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S A FLAVOUR-OF-THE-DAY MARKET," SAID JOAN ANWAY, A BROKER AT W.I. CARR (OVERSEAS) LTD.

THE 225-SHARE NIKKEI INDEX ROSE 40.02 POINTS, OR 0.14 PCT, TO A RECORD 28,366.33, SURPASSING THE PREVIOUS RECORD CLOSE OF 28,342.46 SET ON JUNE 17. IT IS BELOW A TRADED HIGH OF 28,429.17 SET ON MONDAY.

TURNOVER WAS A THIN 800 MLN SHARES AGAINST 950 MLN. FALLS ALMOST MATCHED RISES.

RETAIL, RAILWAY/BUS, SERVICE, RUBBER, REAC ESTATE, CONSTRUCTION, AIRLINE, OIL, STEEL AND CREDIT/LEASE SHARES LED THE ADVANCE.

COMMUNICATIONS, ELECTRICAL, SECURITIES HOUSE, PRECISION INSTRUMENT, NON-LIFE INSURANCE, SHIPBUILDING AND ELECTRICAL POWER STOCKS WERE THE MAIN LOSERS.

THE INDEX RECOVERED FROM ITS EARLY LOSSES MAINLY ON BUYING OF SPECULATIVE STOCKS.

IT REACHED A LOW OF 28,244.61 IN LATE MORNING TRADE, BUT CLOSED JUST BELOW THE DAY'S HIGH OF 28,381.03.

SOME BROKERS ATTRIBUTED THE AFTERNOON RALLY TO WINDOW DRESSING EFFORTS BY MAJOR JAPANESE SECURITIES HOUSES AHEAD OF SEPTEMBER 30 FISCAL YEAR ENDS FOR SOME BROKERAGES AND TOKKIN, OR SPECIAL MONEY FUNDS.

WINDOW DRESSING MEANS BIDDING UP SHARE PRICES TEMPORARILY TO IMPROVE BOOK APPEARANCES.

INVESTORS FOCUSED BUYING ON VARIOUS INCENTIVE-BACKED ISSUES IN LAGGARD SECTORS SUCH AS REAL ESTATE, CONSTRUCTION AND RAILWAY/BUS SHARES.

SHARE PRICES FELL THROUGHOUT MOST OF THE MORNING AND THE BEGINNING OF THE AFTERNOON ON FEARS THE MARKET IS OVERHEATING.

Hong Kong Market Report

HONG KONG, AUG. 2, REUTER - SHARE PRICES CLOSED MIXED IN SLUGGISH TRADING AFTER DRIFTING THROUGHOUT THE DAY.

THE HANG SENG INDEX FELL 2.33 TO 7,201.09 BUT THE BROADER-BASED HONG KONG INDEX ROSE 4.17 TO 1,786.08. TURNOVER WAS 652.76 MLN H.K. DLRS, DOWN FROM MONDAY'S 898.63 MLN.

BROKERS SAID A TRADING SUSPENSION OF HENDERSON LAND AND AFFILIATE WING TAI SPARKED TALK THAT HENDERSON PLANNED A LARGE RIGHTS ISSUE. THE RUMOURS DULLED TRADING, THEY SAID.

A SPOKESMAN AT BARINGS SECURITIES LATER SAID BARINGS IS HANDLING A RIGHTS ISSUE WORTH 960 MLN DLRS FOR HENDERSON.

"I THINK THE MARKET HAS BEEN EXPECTING THIS," HE SAID.

AMMAN

ALFA-ADDIN COMPANY	OPNG	CLSG
ARAB ALUMINUM IND.		
ARAB BANK		
ARAB CHEMICAL DTR	3.96	EA
ARAB FINANCE CORP.	1.36	1.38
ARAB INSURANCE	0.99	0.94
ARAB INT. INV/TRADE	0.98	0.98
ARAB INT. UNION INS	0.94	0.90
ARAB INTER. HOTELS	0.53	0.58
ARAB JOR/INVEST/BK	2.10	2.10
ARAB PAPER CO/IND		
ARAB PHARM. MANF.		
ARAB PHARM/CHEN	0.76	0.75
ARAB POTASH CO		
ARABIAN SEAS INS.	1.65	1.65
BANK OF JORDAN		
BELGIUM INSURANCE	1.00	0.95
CATRO ANMAN BANK		
CONFECT/CHOCOLATE	1.05	1.25
DAR AL SHAAB PRESS	0.46	0.44
DAR ALDAWA DV/INV		
DARCO/INVEST/HOUS.		
FINANCE/CREDIT/COF		
GARAGE OWNERS OFF	3.65	3.55
GENERAL INSURANCE	2.39	2.63
GENERAL INVESTMENT		
GENERAL MINING.	1.31	1.31
HIMMER MINERALS	0.75	0.75
HOLY LAND INS.	1.25	1.25
IND. WATCH JENCO		
INDSTR. DEVLPT BNC		
INDSTR./COM/AGR.		
INDUSTRIAL INVEST.	0.75	0.75
INTERN.COM/INV	0.21	0.21
IRSID ELECTRICITY	0.85	0.86
ISLAMIC INV. HOUSE	0.64	0.64
ITERMED/PETRI/CH		
J. TOUR-SP COMPLEX	0.79	0.80
JERUSALEM INS.	1.26	1.29
JO TABACCO/CIGARET	14.50	14.50
JOR CERAMIC FACT		
JOR EAGLE INS.	25.01	25.05
JOR ELECTRIC POWER		
JOR FINANCE HOUSE	0.92	0.92
JOR GLASS INDUSTRY	0.98	0.97
JOR HOTEL TOURISM	2.50	2.30
JOR INDUSTRY CHEM.		
JOR INS AND FIN.	1.20	1.20
JOR LEASING CORP.	0.61	0.60
JOR LIN BRICK		
JOR MAMAG/CONSULT	0.50	0.50
JOR NATIONAL BANK	2.53	2.53
JOR PAPER CARDBRQ	3.10	3.12
JOR PHOSPHATE MINS		
JOR PIPES MANUFACT		
JOR PRESS/PUBLIS.	2.00	2.15
JOR PRINTING/PACK.	4.00	4.05
JOR ROCK MOUL IND.		
JOR SECURIT CORP.	0.78	0.77
JOR SELPHO CHEN.		
JOR WOOD INDUSTRY		
JOR WORSTED MLL		
JOR. KUWAIT AGR	1.00	1.00
JOR. PETROLIUM REF		
JOR. FRENCH INS.		
JOR. INV. FIN. CORP		
JORDAN GULF REAL		
JORDAN DAIRY	1.00	0.99
JORDAN GULF BANK		
JORDAN INSURANCE	0.94	0.95
JORDAN ISLAMIC BNC	13.85	13.90
JORDAN KUWAIT BANK		
JORDAN TANNING		
LIVESTOCK/POULTRY	0.72	0.72
MACH/VEHIC/RENT/MAIN		
MAS INDUSTRIES	0.69	0.73
MIDDLE EAST HOTEL	0.60	0.40
MIDDLE EAST INS.	60.00	60.00
MINERALS RESEARCH	0.60	0.55
MAT. FIN. INVEST CO		
MAT/CABLE/WIRE/MF		
NATIONAL AHLIA INS	1.23	1.23
NATIONAL INDUSTRY	0.40	0.41
NATIONAL PORTFOLIO		
NATIONAL STEEL		
ORIENT DRY BATTERY	0.25	0.28
PETRA BANK	1.92	1.97
PETRA JOR. INS.	0.35	0.35
PHILADELPHIA INS.	0.81	0.82
RAFA INDUSTRIAL	0.80	0.80
REAL ESTATE INV.		
REPAIRING LINES		
SPINNING WEAVING	0.88	0.88
THE HOUSING BANK	1.85	1.86
UNITED INSURANCE		
UNIVERSAL CHEM. IND	1.46	1.51
UNIVERSAL INS.	1.23	1.11
WOOLEN INDUSTRIES	0.71	0.70
YARHOUK INSURANCE	1.10	1.08

PHILIPPINES MAKATI

COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL SECTOR				BC-A	74.00	74.00
STOCK	BUY	SELL	OPEN	LC-A	.51	.52
AC-A	9.30	9.40	9.40	LC-B	.53	.54
ANS	2.65	2.70	2.65	PX-A	.36	.37
FER-A	2.65	2.70	2.65	PX-B	.38	.38
GLO	34.00	34.50				
PLDT	239.00	240.00	238.00	OIL SECTOR		
SPSI-A	2.26	2.24		BP-A	.024	.025
SNC-A	148.00	149.00	145.00	BP-B	.025	.026
				LRC-A	.004	.004
				LRC-B	.004	.004
				QFW-A	.043	.044
				QFW-B	.043	.041
				QFW-C	.044	.042
				QV-A	.038	.037
				QV-B	.039	.037
				QV-C	.038	.039
				QV-D	.039	.037
				QV-E	.038	.039
				QV-F	.039	.037
				QV-G	.038	.039
				QV-H	.039	.037
				QV-I	.038	.039
				QV-J	.039	.037
				QV-K	.038	.039
				QV-L	.039	.037
				QV-M	.038	.039
				QV-N	.039	.037
				QV-O	.038	.039
				QV-P	.039	.037
				QV-Q	.038	.039
				QV-R	.039	.037
				QV-S	.038	.039
				QV-T	.039	.037
				QV-U	.038	.039
				QV-V	.039	.037
				QV-W	.038	.039
				QV-X	.039	.037
				QV-Y	.038	.039
				QV-Z	.039	.037

Kuwait Stock Exchange 'does not encourage speculation'

Upsurge seen in active trading

By Jadranka Porter

THE Kuwait Stock Exchange has been experiencing an upsurge in trading which, even without further rise, promises to make 1988 its most successful year since opening in 1983.

In one day, some 90 million shares were traded bringing the turnover to an unprecedented figure of KD15 million, said the spokeswoman. Wafa Al Rasheed. This was nowhere near the usual daily turnover of about KD3 million. It is only fair to say that the day was July 27 which was preceded by a four-day holiday to celebrate Eid Al Adha during which the stock exchange was closed.

Upsurge

On July 18 Iran announced its acceptance of a UN resolution calling for a ceasefire in the eight-year Gulf war. The news triggered off an upsurge in trading and an increase in share prices contributing vastly to the record volume of trading on July 27, said Al Rasheed.

On the day of Iran's announce-

ment the National Bank share, considered to be the index share on Kuwait's market, jumped from KD0.900 to KD0.960. It has been rising steadily since and has now reached KD1.140. Other companies listed on Kuwait's Stock Exchange also recorded an increase in the value of their shares.

This could be the beginning of a particularly prosperous phase although the upsurge in share prices in late July reflected a psychological effect of Iran's decision to comply with the ceasefire resolution rather than the actual improved performance of the listed companies, says Al Rasheed.

Flourish

However, if the latest UN-led negotiations result in a permanent peace in the region new business opportunities will open which means that more buoyant trading on the stock exchange could be then based on fundamentals, Al Rasheed added.

Real estate business, service industries and local manufacturing firms would flourish once the

Iran-Iraq conflict comes to an end, she said.

Al Rasheed predicted that the National Bank shares could rise to KD2 by the end of the year provided no major setbacks occur in the current peace negotiations.

An upswing in prices, after Iran expressed its willingness to negotiate a peaceful settlement, was in fact the second time the stock market was jolted upwards this year. The first jump took place last May when the stock exchange replaced its so-called three-day system with a one-day system. This meant that the regular market players had their accounts settled and shares transferred in one instead of three days. The results were immediate. The turnover shot up from KD4 million worth of shares per week to KD3 million per day with 30 million shares being traded daily.

The market players are presented with a fresh balance sheet at the end of each week's trading. The three-day system is currently applied on one-time buyers only.

Other plans to encourage trading include a measure allowing the GCC nationals to own up to 30 per cent of shares in any of the listed 63 companies.

The proposal has already been approved by the Council of Ministers, says Al Rasheed.

Another proposal under consideration is the introduction of foreign companies to Kuwait's stock exchange lists. At present the non-Kuwaiti sector includes a handful of companies from other Gulf states.

The most radical measure under study proposes that non-Kuwaitis be allowed to buy and sell shares in any company listed on the stock exchange. They are currently allowed to trade only in shares issued by companies from other Gulf states.

Some political decision could be helpful too, says Al Rasheed. She referred to proposals to grant some non-Kuwaitis a permanent residence and a right to own apartments in Kuwait. The Arab Times has been unable to confirm that such measures are being considered by the govern-

ment although periodically there have been reports to that effect.

The market observers in Kuwait note that there would be substantial resistance to such measures although the potential of such measures to boost the economy is widely recognised.

System

Although keen to see brisk trading, the Kuwait Stock Exchange does not encourage speculation, says Al Rasheed. This is why stop-order system was introduced limiting a daily rise or drop in prices to 10 per cent. This has admittedly put off some potential customers, says Al Rasheed.

But the protective measure, introduced after the Souq Al Manakh collapse, was necessary because "the chances were that prices would fall rather than rise," she contends.

Although the prospects are brighter now there are no plans to lift the 10 per cent limit, she says. The stock exchange will go automatic but the stop-order provision will be built into the computer system, she says.

Gulf oil output reaches highest level for 12 months

BAHRAIN, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Oil output by the six Gulf members of OPEC exceeded their combined OPEC-assigned production quotas by two million barrels a day (BPD) in July, oil industry sources in the Gulf said today.

Their estimates that the six countries produced 12.5 (BPD), the highest level for a year, came ahead of a meeting of OPEC's five-member price monitoring committee in Lausanne, Switzerland, tomorrow.

The committee will discuss weak spot prices, caused mainly by a glutted market, and may decide to call a full OPEC ministerial meeting, oil sources said. "High Gulf output came from increased exports by Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Kuwait," said one oil industry executive.

Deal

"Saudi exports went mostly to Texaco after their downstream deal and Japan bought a lot of Gulf oil ahead of a tax rise in August."

Saudi Arabia signed an agreement in June to market 600,000 BPD of Saudi crude through Texaco's refining and distribution network in 23 American states.

Output by the six Gulf members of OPEC (Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries) has not been so high since August last year when it reached 13.5 million BPD.

Oil prices were then rising on fears of a disruption of supplies because of the Iran-Iraq war, but the market was quickly glutted. Prices dived below OPEC's \$18 a barrel benchmark and have never recovered.

Spot oil prices for Middle East crudes are now around \$4 below OPEC's benchmark and could fall further because of the high Gulf output.

The price monitoring committee, comprising the oil ministers of Algeria, Indonesia, Nigeria, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela, may decide the situation warrants convening an OPEC ministerial meeting, the sources said.

Decision

They said it was expected to focus on the UAE's decision in June to increase output to 1.5 million BPD. The UAE, with an OPEC quota of 948,000 BPD, produced 1.4 million BPD in July, the sources said.

"The five (ministers) might decide it warrants an emergency

meeting if prospects for aligning overproducers behind the OPEC cause seems high," one oil industry executive said.

He said the key seemed to be Saudi Arabia, which had in the past opposed emergency meetings on grounds that the market would be further depressed if no decisions were reached.

Vacation

Other sources noted that Saudi Oil Minister Hisham Nazer was due to take a one-month vacation after the Lausanne meeting and said this might rule out an emergency meeting.

Saudi Arabia, which preaches adherence to OPEC quotas, produced 4.6 million BPD in July compared with its quota of 4.343 m BPD, the sources said. Iraq, which has rejected its 1.54 million BPD quota and is not part of OPEC's pact, produced 2.8 million BPD, they said.

Only Iran, facing difficulties in finding buyers, fell short of its quota, producing 2.05 million BPD compared with a quota of 2.369 million BPD.

Qatar, with a much smaller output, is the sixth Gulf producer in OPEC.

Despite German rate hike

Dollar dips and edges back, gold eases

LONDON, Aug. 2. (Reuters): The dollar dipped and then edged up today as dealers shrugged off a West German interest rate rise that was aimed at buoying the Deutschmark.

Gold eased and stock markets were little changed, although Tokyo's Nikkei average edged up to close at an all-time high.

Traders

As part of a summer campaign to prop up the mark, the Bundesbank, West Germany's central bank, raised its key securities repurchase rate to 4.25 per cent from four per cent.

"Perhaps, we will see some effect after the holiday period," said a Frankfurt dealer, noting that the mark is traditionally weak during the summer when holidaying German tourists are big buyers of other European currencies.

Some traders had expected an even bigger rise and in their dis-

appointment sold marks to buy dollars.

So, although the dollar opened 1.75 pennings lower, it quickly recovered half of this decline to steady by late morning at around 1.8675 marks.

It recovered all of its initial half-yen decline to hold at 132.60 yen and dipped half a cent to trade at \$1.7175 to the British pound sterling.

It was started easing overnight in New York when, as it approached 1.88 marks, dealers decided it was time to cash in on its recent gains.

Gains

Those gains worried West Germany's central bank, which fears a strong dollar will boost the price of imports and so stoke up inflation. Higher interest rates should keep funds in German bank accounts and bonds.

Gold, a favoured hedge against inflation, eased as the

price of bullion was fixed in London this morning at \$432.90 an ounce, down \$1.70 from Monday afternoon.

Tokyo's Nikkei share average hit a record high today but stock markets mostly seemed unsure if they could muster the energy to continue a summer rally.

A slight gain of 40.02 points took the Nikkei to 28,366.33. The Tokyo Stock Market's previous all-time closing high of 28,346.46 was set on June 17.

But Wall Street shed early gains as some investors cashed in their profits, and at New York's midday the Dow Jones industrial average was down 8.18 at 2,122.33.

Rise

"A lot of people don't know which way to turn in this market. Volume was light on both the rise and fall," said Larry Madden, a Wall Street trader.

Wall Street had advanced

strongly last week.

In London equity prices stayed lower in late afternoon trading.

Dealers said the higher than expected rise of \$910 mln in July UK official reserves had little impact.

Government bonds showed little change after news the UK is to auction £750 mln of Treasury bonds, in line with expectations.

At 1445 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was 6.7 down at 1,855.5 after a low of 1,851.4 on turnover of 279.9 mln shares.

Share prices attempted a modest rally after Wall Street opened higher, but the New York market subsequently gave up its gains and stocks here tumbled back as a result.

Dealers said the UK reserves figures prompted some speculation that this afternoon's Treasury auction would produce a much higher level of bond sales

to neutralise the effect of the money supply of recent interventions aimed at curbing the rise in sterling.

Many analysts continued to dismiss the idea that the UK government would rather cut interest rates to take some upward pressure off the pound.

Most market operators believed it was unlikely UK authorities would prefer to reduce current 10-1/2 base rates to take upward pressure off sterling, given the government's concern over inflationary pressures.

The key three month sterling interbank rate closed steady at 10-7/8 3/4 pct with the pound ending one basis point lower at a traded weighted 76.6.

Medical products group Amersham International was 11p down at 656 after the company told the annual meeting that it had not received a bid approach.

WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Aug. 2. (Reuters): The market succumbed to light selling pressure in late trading to close easier on low volume. The All-Ordinaries index lost 1.4 to 1,623.1.

TOKYO: Prices rose slightly to a record close on buying of speculative issues after a lacklustre session. The 225-share Nikkei index rose 40.2 to a record 28,366.33.

HONG KONG: The market drifted throughout the day and prices closed mixed after sluggish trading. The Hang Seng index lost 2.35 to 2,701.09.

SINGAPORE: Prices closed narrowly mixed after selective buying alternated with bouts of profit-taking. The Straits Times industrial index was down 1.80 at 1,160.83.

BOMBAY: The market opened steady but prices then declined on heavy up-country selling with sentiment influenced by end-of-account considerations and poor institutional demand.

FRANKFURT: Prices ended lower although they recovered early losses in sluggish trading. An expected rise in the German interest rate had little impact. The Commerzbank 60-share index, calculated at mid-session, was down 0.6 at 1,491.3.

ZURICH: The market closed slightly higher on low turnover after Monday's National Day holiday. The All-Share Swiss index rose 4.6 to 889.3.

LONDON: A modest rally after Wall Street opened higher was quickly throttled back and prices closed near their lows. At 1445 GMT, the FTSE-100 index was down 6.7 at 1,855.5.

Bonn bank hikes rates

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Aug. 2. (AP): The West German central bank today hiked its rate on securities repurchase agreements by 0.25 percentage points for the fourth time in two months.

The increase was seen as a further move in the bank's continued efforts to contain the US dollar's rise and dampen inflationary fears.

Today, the central bank called for tenders on 29-day securities repurchase agreements at a fixed 4.25 per cent rate.

The step was widely expected by traders and economists after the West German central bank, the Deutsche Bundesbank, raised its official Lombard rate to 5.00 per cent from 4.50 per cent last Thursday.

Move will further boost export capacity

Iraq to repair Gulf oil facilities

IRAQ plans to repair war-ravaged Gulf oil facilities once peace with Iran is assured in a move that will further boost its oil export capacity, industry sources said.

They said that in a year or less Iraq could set up floating oil terminals in the northern Gulf able to pump up to one million barrels per day (BPD), nearly one-third of current export capacity.

Projects

That would confirm Iraq's place as the second largest Middle Eastern oil producer after Saudi Arabia and help finance massive reconstruction projects envisaged after the end of the eight-year war.

But the sources cautioned that Iraq was unlikely to proceed until it felt true peace was at hand. War damage to a key offshore oil pipeline and dangers posed by unexploded ordnance had yet to be assessed, they added.

Syria's closure in 1982 of an Iraqi pipeline to the Mediterran-

ean after a political dispute further squeezed the country's oil outlets, and production plunged to less than one million BPD in 1982 from 3.3 million BPD in 1979.

Output

Pipelines through Saudi Arabia and Turkey have boosted current output to around 2.6 million BPD, and new pipeline projects will hike export capacity to some 3.5 million BPD by the end of next year, Iraqi officials say.

Revival of the Gulf terminals will bring the oil closer to key Japanese customers as well as boost overall revenue, the sources said.

Iraq has rejected output ceilings accepted by every other member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) as part of the group's efforts to boost world oil prices, now more than \$3 below the official OPEC price of \$18 a barrel.

Iraq has insisted on quota

parity with Iran's 2.69 million BPD, a demand rejected by Iran, and there are no signs so far that either country would change its position if a peace agreement was signed.

But some oil traders have speculated that peace could lead to greater co-operation within OPEC to restrain output and boost world oil prices.

The sources said Iraq's priority would be to revive Khor Al Amaya, one of two deep-water offshore terminals linked by pipeline to the main oil port of Faw, which Iraq recaptured from Iran last April. The other offshore terminal is nearby Mina Al Bakr.

Iraq already owns hoses, piping and single buoy moorings (SBMs) that could bring Khor Al Amaya on stream without a major reconstruction of the damaged terminal, the sources said.

"It's just a matter of hooking up the SBMs to the pipeline," said one regional shipping

source. But the sources added it was unclear whether the underwater pipeline to the offshore ports had been damaged.

Devices

They said the removal of any exploded devices around the terminal or in shipping lanes to it could be time-consuming and highly dangerous.

"The Iraqis have not yet decided whether to repair it (Khor Al Amaya) yet," said one oil executive recently in Baghdad. "But once they start it will take at least a year."

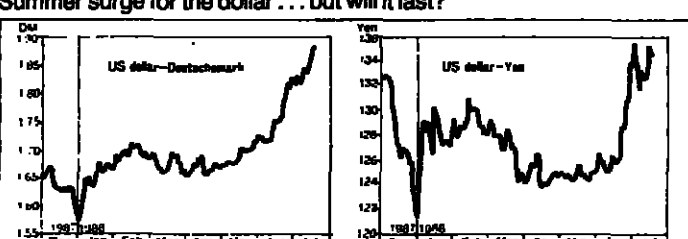
Another source said the work could take as little as three months if the pipeline is undamaged and the waters prove safe.

Reviving Faw itself would take much longer because of the need to reconstruct badly damaged onshore installations. A Japanese consortium has estimated Iraq will have to spend \$8.2 billion to completely repair its oil and gas facilities.

Inflationary concerns continue to dominate the market

DESPITE significant intervention and rises in European interest rates, the dollar forged ahead over the week. The rise in inflation as indicated by this week's GNP deflator release

Summer surge for the dollar... but will it last?



increased a strong one per cent in June after a revised 0.6 per cent rise in May and 0.5 per cent in April.

Despite the relative slowdown in activity, concern is centred more on the upward movement in prices. In addition to the deflator number, strong domestic consumption and durable goods orders still suggests upward momentum.

The Federal Reserve's obvious concern can undoubtedly be interpreted as a need for further tightening in policy and we would reiterate our comment of previous weeks that we continue to expect rises over the entire interest rate spectrum with the Fed funds moving higher and to a point which will provoke a discount rate increase.

For the interim the dollar can be expected to further benefit from a widening in the interest rate differential. Therefore continued gains over this week are anticipated.

Nevertheless the rate of rise

will be further capped by substantial intervention, whilst it should be recognised that despite expected short term strength the dollar's longer term upside potential remains limited.

Trading ranges for the coming week are on the upside of current dollar levels at DM1.85-1.90 and Y131-135.

As anticipated, although the trade numbers were not particularly good, sterling continues to hold firm on the policy implications. The administration, afraid of rising inflation and a widening current account deficit, recognise little alternative than to keep interest rates high. The benefits of a wider interest rate differential therefore continues to underpin the currency. Sterling ended the week at DM3.19 and S/£1.71.

Current Account Deficit in June was estimated at £1.02bn compared with a downward revised £1.14bn in May.

Trade Balance showed a narrow-

£1.6bn in May. Invisibles were estimated to be £500mn in surplus.

Exports increased to £6.8bn in June from £6.5bn in May, with the quarterly increase rising by 6 per cent.

Imports at an estimated £8.3bn were up on May from £8.2bn, with the annual percentage increase at 13 percentage points.

Pressure

Inflationary concerns continue to dominate the market. The reshuffled cabinet eradicated speculative fragility that the Chancellor Nigel Lawson would be replaced. As a consequence policy looks set to concentrate on reducing strong domestic demand. Whilst sterling remains firm a further increase in base rates may not seem appropriate. However, should upward pressure on the UK unit ease then a further increase in base rates may further increase in interest rates appears likely.

Against this background, notwithstanding the obvious fundamental weaknesses of the economy (namely rising inflation and an escalating current account deficit), sterling for the interim will continue to benefit from supporting interest rates.

Trading ranges are: £/DM 17-3.22 and £/S 1.69-1.74.

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Tender No. MEW/22/48-88/88
Tender's internal No. 33/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Supply & installation of secondary treatment stations 11/0.433 K.V.
Initial guarantee: 2 1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon Tuesday 20.8.88

Company - Local agent
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Elin Co. Austria - Marzouk Khalid Al Ghunaim
NAI Royter Ltd., Britain - Equipment Co.
Gold Co. USA - Motocove Co.
Westinghouse Co. USA - Dakheel Al Jassar
GIC Co. Britain - Najrest Instruments Co.
National Electrical Boards Design & Industry Co.

Tender No. MEW/22/49-88/88
Tender's internal No. 41/88
Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

Requirements: Painting boilers' stack at Shuwaikh Station
Relevant fee: KD20
Initial guarantee: 2 1/2% of offers value
Closing date: 12:00 noon Tuesday 30.8.88

A pre-tender meeting shall be held at 10:00 am on Monday 15.8.88 at Shuwaikh Power Station to discuss the tender conditions.

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3. Ahmad Ghuloum Riza Ashikani
4. Arab Equipment Gen. Contg. Co.
5. Middle East Construction Co.
6. Yaqzah Trdg. & Electrical & Mechanical Contg. Est.
7. Hnoud Al Khadhadh Trdg. & Contg.

IN FOCUS

The world in focus



A SOVIET SS-12 missile is destroyed at a test site in Saryozek on Monday as part of the US-Soviet INF treaty. (Reuter wirephoto)



KING Hassan of Morocco (left) took some flower petals offered by a young girl after he inaugurated the first oil port of Morocco in Casablanca. (Reuter wirephoto)



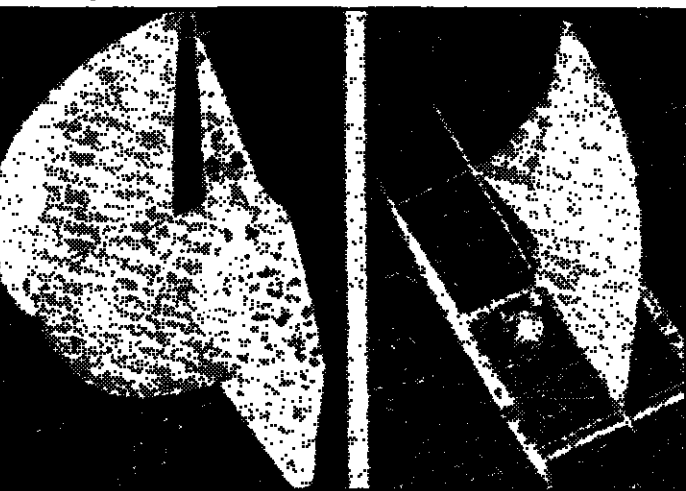
LEBANESE folk-dancers performing at Jordan's cultural festival in Jeresh, north of Amman. The three-week festival ended on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)



BRITAIN'S Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher tries on a 'Drizabone,' an Australian bush coat, during a walkabout in a Perth shopping centre after arriving there for a six-day visit. (Reuter wirephoto)



AN Indian woman spoon-feeds her young son who is suffering from cholera in Delhi. (Reuter wirephoto)



THESE two boats racing for the America's Cup in September may appear to be about the same size in these aerial photographs. But the challenger 'New Zealand' (left) is a 132-ft, single-masted monohull sloop and defending champion skipper Dennis Connor's high-tech controversial catamaran (right) is 60-feet long. (Reuter wirephoto)



PALESTINIANS receive food, cleaning tools and other aid from United Nations workers at the Shatila refugee camp. (Reuter wirephoto)



A GREEK policeman pulls handcuffed Palestinian Mohammed Rashid out of a van in Athens to be taken to court for identity verification. Rashid is wanted by the United States for the bombing of an American passenger jet. He was sentenced for entering Greece on a forged Syrian passport. (Reuter wirephoto)



XOKONOSHTLET (right) and two fellow Aztecs speak to reporters at the Mexico City airport before flying to Vienna in an effort to bring back Mictazuma's crown to Mexico. (Reuter wirephoto)



REAR-ADMIRAL Mikhail Krylov of the Soviet Union takes the floor at Moscow's Military Academy to ask Frank Carlucci a question after the US Defence Secretary made a speech in Moscow on Monday. (Reuter wirephoto)

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امریکہ اور ایران کو اپنے تعلقات معمول پر لانا ہوئے، حزب اللہ کے ردِ عافہ رہنما شیخ محمد حسین فضل اللہ

امران نواز شہید مسلمان، استانیہ پندوں کے روحانی پیشوا شیخ محمد حسین فضل اللہ نے ایک شائع شدہ انٹرویو میں کہا ہے کہ لبنان

عمر حسین رضی اللہ عنہ نے جو باب اللہ کے دروازے پر تھامیں کہ ان کا خیال ہے کہ اس کی پر غالی میں کھسکا بھی مکمل طور پر حل نہ ہوا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اس کی امریہ ان

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کچھ کہیں تو اس شخص کو ہراسہ پہنچے گا۔

میں نے کہا: "میں نے اس کی طرف سے کوئی خط نہیں دیکھا۔"

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Atletico take back Arteché

MADRID, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Spanish soccer club Atletico Madrid have agreed to take back former captain Juan Arteché after trying to sack him for smoking too much and spending too much time on his private business.

"We reached a cordial agreement, thinking of the future of Atletico Madrid," said defender Arteché last night. He will return under a new contract but lose his job as captain.

Devoted
Club president Jesus Gil sent Arteché a letter last week dismissing him without compensation on the grounds that he smoked too much and devoted too much time to his private sports shoe business and not enough to his soccer.

Arteché's lawyer contested the decision saying it was not a valid reason for being fired.

"Those players you like more you push more. If they let you down you punish them more," Gil told reporters after the out-of-court agreement was reached. Gil said he had no plans to restate midfielder Quique Setien or defender Quique Ramos, who he dismissed at the same time. They are also contesting the decision but both have offers from other Spanish clubs.

Gil criticised Setien for being single, saying he should have a wife to organise his life and wash and cook for him, and attacked Ramos for answering him back, disobeying the club coach and not training enough.

Elected
The firings were the latest in a series of moves within the club since Gil was elected president a year ago, promising to take Atletico to the top with a headline-hitting spending spree. He is still looking for a team to match Atletico's city rivals Real Madrid and has dropped a total of six players and sold three this summer, replacing them with Brazilian striker Baltazar Maria de Moraes and five little-known Spaniards.

Mexico to host giant chess tournament

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 2. (AP): About 100 masters and grandmasters, including world champion Gary Kasparov and his main rival, Anatoly Karpov, have been invited to compete in the first World Active Chess Championship, with a top prize of \$200,000, one of the organizers announced.

Robert Brown, director of the Committee for World Chess Development, told reporters yesterday the championship will be held Dec. 10-17 in the Pacific resort of Mazatlan, in Sinaloa state, 674 miles (1,085 kilometres) northwest of Mexico City.

Masters
Brown said the roster of international chess federation masters include Yasser Seirawan of the United States, Holland's Jan Timman, Nigel Short of Britain, Johann Hjartarson of Iceland, the Cuban Jesus Nogueiras and Alfonso Zapata of Colombia. Brown said three other tournaments will be held simultaneously in the Mazatlan "Grand Chess Fiesta" — an open one for first line players, another one for people younger than 20, and a third for people younger than 14. He estimated a total of 2,000 players will compete in the fiesta.

Mills dies of leukaemia

SOUTHAMPTON, England, Aug. 2. (UPI): Former Southampton and England under-23 soccer international Steve Mills died in hospital of leukaemia yesterday at the age of 35.

He was admitted to Southampton General Hospital last week and his condition deteriorated over the weekend.

Recognition
Mills, a defender, was on the threshold of an international career when he first won England under-23 recognition as a 20-year-old, but an auto crash put him out of the game after only 53 League appearances for Southampton.

He developed leukaemia two years ago and after extensive chemotherapy treatment organised a special charity soccer match earlier this year, raising £95,000 (\$161,500) for cancer research.

Electronic eye

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 2. (AP): An electronic eye will settle disputes over line calls in tennis matches during the 1988 Summer Olympic Games. The Seoul Olympic Organising Committee said yesterday that electronic cameras, designed to see better than humans, will flash red if a player's service falls outside marked service lines.

CHAVEZ KNOCKS OUT BUCHANAN

Lora retains world crown



Lora is lifted by his handlers after the fight.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Miguel Lora of Colombia faced controversy after battering American challenger and former champion Albert Davila to win a unanimous decision and retain his World Boxing Council (WBC) bantamweight title last night.

Confirmation of the result rested on the outcome of tests on two bottles of water confiscated from Lora by WBC officials after the 12-round bout. WBC rules allow boxers to drink only pure water during a fight.

Denied
"It tasted very, very sweet," said Marty Denkin, assistant executive officer of the California State Athletic Commission.

Lora, who was making the seventh defence of the title he won in August 1985, denied that there were sweeteners or other additives in the water bottles. "It was pure water, the same type of water prescribed for children," he said through a translator.

Lora, who improved his professional record to 30 victories without a defeat, was unable to knock down Davila. But he battered him throughout the fight and opened up a long cut over Davila's right eye.

Twice the ringside physician examined the cut before allowing the fight to continue.

Lora, 27, had beaten Davila once before, in November 1986, on a decision in Barranquilla, Colombia. Davila held the WBC

bantamweight crown briefly in 1984.

Judge Arsenio Garcia of Mexico scored the fight 118-113. Judges Ray Solis of Mexico and Miguel Donato of Puerto Rico scored it 117-111.

The result made the 33-year-old Davila's professional record 55 victories against 10 losses and a draw.

In the ninth round there was confusion after a fan tossed a towel into the ring, interrupting the bout briefly.

WBC rules bar boxers from drinking anything but ordinary water during bouts and if Lora used sugared water, Denkin said disciplinary action could be taken.

Oldest

It was Davila's fifth quest for a title. At 33, he is the oldest man to ever fight for the bantamweight crown. He will be 34 on Aug. 10.

After the defeat on Monday, Davila said: "This is a bad time to ask me (about retiring). I'm very disappointed I didn't win the fight. The way I feel now, I would say yes, but tomorrow I may feel better and say no."

On the undercard at the Forum, World Boxing Association lightweight champion Julio Cesar Chavez of Mexico improved to 58-0 with a third-round knockout of Yogi Buchanan of the United States in a non-title bout.

Chavez used lefts to the body to set up the left-right combination that ended the fight.

Seoul sprucing up for Games

SEOUL, South Korea, Aug. 2. (AP): "The world to Seoul," this Olympic host city proclaims, and plans for greeting guests include adding English to the Korean-language signs that identify restaurants deemed best qualified to serve foreigners.

More likely to be noticed by the South Korean capital's 10 million residents are attempts to sharply reduce traffic congestion, pollution, and noise during the Summer Games Sept. 17-Oct. 2.

Planted
Many citizens have been busy in cleaning and painting campaigns to brighten Seoul for the Olympics, and the city says 125,000 trees have been planted.

Accelerated public works projects since Seoul was chosen as the 1988 Olympic host seven years ago have considerably improved highways, subways, pollution control, street lighting, flood-fighting measures and housing, says researcher Kang Hong-Bin of the Korea National Housing Corp.

But he told a conference in June on long-term Olympic impact that Seoul's underprivileged have not shared

equally in the benefits of Olympic preparations.

Squatters demanding "for whom are the Olympics being held?" demonstrate from time to time, protesting their eviction to make way for development projects, including some linked to the Olympics.

Kim Kwang-Soo, secretary-general of the Korea Council of Christian Urban Poor Missions, says an estimated 100,000 people have been evicted from slum areas.

Seoul Mayor Kim Yong-Nae says it is not simply a matter of beautification, and the city cannot leave people in illegally built substandard housing, which he says is "unsanitary and unsafe, liable to collapse in the downpours of the rainy season. New housing will be built and subsidies raised for low-income families, he added.

The overall price tag for the Games in this capital city, 30 miles (48 kilometres) south of the border with bitter rival North Korea, generally is given as \$3.1 billion.

Some \$1.4 billion of that is government funds for such projects as subway and airport

expansion and a cleanup of the Han river, running through the centre of Seoul. The rest of the funding is covered by Olympics revenues or private investment.

"As far as the cost burden is concerned, I don't think we are going to have great difficulty," Mayor Kim said in an interview.

Such projects as the river redevelopment had been planned anyway, although "because of the Olympics we could carry out these projects four to five years ahead of the plan," he added, and Seoul also had badly lacked sports facilities for public use.

The city's major investment went into the sports complex, including the \$73 million Olympic stadium, a swimming pool, basketball and boxing gymnasiums and a baseball stadium. The overall construction cost of about \$200 million did not include the cost of land, Kim said.

Income from such things as television broadcast fees, sales of Olympic coins and stamps, a lottery and fees for use of Olympic emblems will pay the Games' operating costs, he added.

Australian players await confirmation of rugby tour

BRISBANE, Australia, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Australian rugby union players have not determined their stance towards a world XV tour of South Africa because they are awaiting confirmation that it is going ahead.

Six Australians have received invitations to join the officially-sanctioned tour, due to start in mid-August, and will not be stopped from travelling to the racially-segregated republic by the Australian Rugby Football Union.

Rugby authorities in Wales,

Scotland, Ireland, England and New Zealand have either banned or discouraged their players from joining the tour. French players are likely to decline an invitation to tour.

Michael Lynagh, Australia's highest points scorer in Test rugby, said today he was still waiting for confirmation from the South African Rugby Board that the tour would proceed.

Australian coach Bob Dwyer said he did not think there was much chance of his player touring.

US equestrian squad named

NEW YORK, Aug. 2. (AP): Joe Farris, an Olympic gold medalist in 1984, and three of his horses were named to the US equestrian team that will compete at the Summer Olympics in Seoul.

Farris was selected along with his horses, Mill Pearl, Touch of Class and Chef.

Other riders selected to the team were Anne Kursinski, Greg Best, Katharine Burdick and Lisa Jacquin.

Kursinski was an alternate on the 1984 Olympic squad, while Best and Burdick were silver medalists at last year's Pan American Games.

Albatross ready to spread his wings once more

BONN, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Michael Gross, the 'Albatross', will be one of the old men of the Olympic swimming pool in Seoul, having outlasted nearly all his rivals of the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

But an albatross is a durable creature, noted for longevity and stamina, and Gross will be ready to swoop for more Olympic gold next month.

At 24, Gross will be defending the 200 metres freestyle title he won in Los Angeles, where his other victory in the 100 metres butterfly showed to full effect the West German's giant "wing-span" of more than two metres that earned him the nickname 'The Albatross'.

Strongest
He is also out to go one better than the 1984 silver medals in his strongest event, the 300 metres butterfly, and in the 4x200 metres freestyle relay, in which West Germany held the world record.

Gross is in his ninth season at the top. Some began to write him off when he retained only one individual title and had to settle for the bronze in the 200 freestyle and silver in the 100 butterfly at the 1987 European Championships.

But he had lost a lot of training time through injury earlier in the year, and impressive swims in the

recent West German Championships should now have silenced the critics.

At the National Championships, eight weeks before the start of the Seoul Games, the 2.01-metre tall student produced performances to cause any pretenders to his titles to redouble their training efforts.

He swam the 200 freestyle just three tenths of a second outside his four-year-old world record. And only Gross himself — again with a world record — has ever bettered the time of 1:56.48 in which he won the 200 metres butterfly.

"Everything is fine. All that was missing was good opposition — but that will come in Seoul," Gross said. "I must do even better to get among the medals."

One of Europe's most successful swimmers of all time, Gross has won four individual world titles and — in individual and relay events — claimed 13 European championship crowns and 12 world records.

He hates comparisons with American Mark Spitz, who won seven gold medals at the 1972 Olympics and was the last man before Gross to hold individual world records in two different swimming disciplines.

But US coach Peter Daland was among those who watched



Gross: ready to swoop for more Olympic gold

Gross at the West German Championships and tipped him not just to win but also to rewrite the record books in Seoul's fast pool.

"The winners in Seoul will have to swim in world record

time," Gross himself conceded. "I'll be quite relaxed, as I was already double Olympic champion in Los Angeles."

"It would be a dream to repeat those triumphs but in swimming it's almost impossible to run



Actor Dustin Hoffman (left) and Los Angeles Lakers' Magic Johnson pose for photographers before the start of a World Boxing Council fight between Miguel Lora and Albert Davila at Ingleswood, California, on Monday evening. (Reuters wirephoto)

Athletes seek to boost performance with ultraviolet light

YORK, England, Aug. 2. (Reuters): Mick Hill, Britain's top male javelin thrower, is now training naked twice a week under a bank of fluorescent lights in an effort to boost his chances of winning a medal at the Seoul Olympics in September.

The lights — known as full spectrum lighting (FSL) — emit ultraviolet rays, which, it is claimed, help athletes train longer, develop larger muscles and stay healthier.

FSL was originally marketed in this northern English town by a company called Aurora as a cure for stress, blood pressure and hypertension. It is now being tried by athletes keen to improve their performance by the one per cent, which Aurora says can be the margin between success and failure.

Important
Aurora claims FSL helps athletes improve their performance in many ways, one of the most important being through increasing the amount of oxygen in the bloodstream by thinning down walls of red blood cells.

This means more oxygen is absorbed, allowing the heart to pump blood quicker and in greater volume for longer. The process develops stamina and strength, something which FSL can help achieve in other ways.

"If you expose a male body to FSL testosterone levels shoot up, which are legitimate ways of taking steroids," says Ian Stoakes, who runs the company with his partner Dr Damien Downing, a nutritional expert.

This effect is not a new discovery. Roman gladiators used to train naked on beaches, allowing the sand to reflect sunlight on to their genitals, giving them a huge boost to testosterone and helping them develop bigger muscles.

FSL, says Stoakes, can also prevent top athletes from coming down with the mysterious viruses which have hit middle distance runners such as Steve Ovett and Seb Coe in the past.

"Training suppresses the immune system by depriving it of energy, rendering athletes vul-

nerable to viral infections," he says. "Although these athletes appear very fit, in terms of their blood chemistry they are very unfit."

FSL increases the white cell count, and increases the virility of immune system. Athletes who train under FSL get the benefits of both worlds — they're physically fit and also have fit immune systems.

Research into the benefits of bombarding the body with ultraviolet light peaked just before World War II in the United States. Stoakes says the rush to develop fast-acting drugs such as antibiotics during the war stopped research into FSL.

The idea was revived only in 1968 by John Ott, an American scientist, and it was in 1978 that Aurora started business.

Stoakes is at pains to point out that FSL is not magic and "provides nothing which the sun cannot, and stresses although FSL provides valuable nutrition in the form of vitamin D, it works best in co-ordination with a balanced diet."

"Many of the vitamins and the minerals we take in our diet need other substances to make them work," he says.

"The body is absurdly incapable of holding on to calcium. You can drink milk till the cows come home but it won't increase the amount of calcium in your body unless there's vitamin D present to fix it," he told Reuters.

Sports women are particularly at risk. If oestrogen levels begin to fall, the amount of calcium held in the body goes down. Long distance training reduces fats and oestrogen, thereby cutting the body's capability to absorb calcium.

Doses of FSL put in the required levels of vitamin D, and also heighten oestrogen levels, he said.

After reading a 1985 article about fatigue in top class athletes, Stoakes contacted top British coach Wilf Paish, who trains Olympic javelin champion Tessa Sanderson and world 800 metres silver medalist Peter Elliott, as well as Mick Hill.

Special
It wasn't his head that was too big, but his feet. The West German Army had to make special boots to fit Gross, who since 1985 has been studying politics, German studies and media sciences in his hometown of Frankfurt.

Gross slowed down his training after the disappointments at last year's European Championship. But he is back to a heavy schedule of up to 12 training sessions a week as he prepares for a punishing programme at the Olympics.

But just as a real albatross can stay in the air all day, Gross proved by his five titles in a week at the West German Championships that not only his speed but also his fitness and stamina are at their peak as his second Olympics approach.

BASEBALL ROUNDUP

Toronto overcome Minnesota

TORONTO, Aug. 2. (AP): George Bell hit a three-run homer in the eighth inning yesterday, giving Toronto a 3-1 victory over Minnesota and spoiling Frank Viola's bid to become the Major's first 17-game winner.

Viola, 16-4, was lifted with two outs in the eighth after giving up consecutive singles to Tony Fernandez and Manny Lee. Bell then greeted reliever Jeff Reardon with his 15th homer of the season.

Also last night, the A's beat the White Sox 10-2, and the Royals won 5-3 over the Tigers.

The Toronto-Minnesota game featured a pitching duel between Viola and Toronto starter Dave Stieb, 11-7.

Viola allowed seven hits, struck out three and didn't walk a batter, while Stieb limited the Twins to three hits, struck out six and walked one in eight innings. Tom Henke pitched the ninth for Toronto to pick up his 19th save.

In Chicago, Jose Canseco homered in his fourth straight game and Dave Henderson drove in four runs with a homer and a single, leading rookie Todd Burns and Oakland over the White Sox.

The victory was the third in the last four games and, coupled with Minnesota's 3-1 loss to Toronto, improved the A's lead in the AL West to 6 1/2 games.

Trimmed
Kansas City's Bo Jackson hit his third home run in three games and fueled another rally with a double, leading the Royals over Detroit.

The loss trimmed the Tigers' lead in the AL East to one-half game over New York and one game over Boston, who were both idle.

In Seattle, Devon White, Bob Boone and Tony Armas hit home runs as the California Angels won a club-record 10th straight road game with an 8-4 decision over the Mariners.

White's ninth home run off loser Bill Swift, 6-8, a two-run shot, gave the Angels a 3-1 lead in the fifth inning and they never looked back.

Terry Clark, a 27-year old rookie, won his fourth game without loss. The right-hander scattered 10 hits and pitched his way out of a bases-loaded jam in the fifth.

The Angels have won 20 of their last 28 games. They previously established the club record for most consecutive wins on the road when they won nine straight last year.

Alex Hamaker pitched a five-hitter and Will Clark had three extra base hits, including his 23rd homer, as the San Francisco Giants beat the Houston Astros 4-1 for their sixth straight victory and ninth in 11 games.

Among other games last night, the Reds beat the Dodgers 4-3, and the Pirates downed the Mets 7-2.

Hamaker, 5-3, struck out three and walked one for his first victory as a starter this season and first complete game since Aug. 8, 1987. The only run off the left-hander was unearned.

Clarke drove in the first two runs off Nolan Ryan, 8-8, with a double in the first inning and his homer in the third. He had another double in the fifth.

Pitched
In Los Angeles, Chris Sabo's two-run single capped a four-run rally in the eighth inning and Danny Jackson won for the seventh time in eight starts to lead Cincinnati.

Pittsburgh's Doug Drabek pitched six shutout innings and Mike Laverriere hit a two-run homer last night as the Pirates broke through against Dwight Gooden and averted a sweep to pull within four games of National League East-leading Mets.

Laverriere's homer broke a scoreless tie in the sixth. R.J. Reynolds had four hits and three stolen bases.

Drabek, 10-5, permitted six hits and won his fifth consecutive start. Gooden, 13-6, went 6 1/3 innings and gave up four runs on 11 hits.

Later last night, pinch-hitter John Kruk's two-run double highlighted a five-run sixth inning as the San Diego Padres defeated Atlanta 6-3 to win their third straight game and extend the Braves' losing streak to seven.

Ed Whitson, 10-6, scattered seven hits in six innings and won for the seventh time in his last eight decisions. He walked one and struck out three.

Results			
American League			
Toronto	3	Minnesota	1
Oakland	10	Chicago	2
Kansas City	5	Detroit	3
California	8	Seattle	2
National League			
Pittsburgh	7	New York	2
Cincinnati	4	Los Angeles	3
San Francisco	4	Houston	1
San Diego	6	Atlanta	2

BECKER AND CONNORS PRAISE NEW SURFACE

Doumbia rallies to upset Berger



Becker: the tournament's top seed

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 2. (UPI) — Yaya Doumbia of Senegal celebrated his rise into the world's top 100 yesterday with a 1-6 6-0 6-4 first round upset of ninth-seeded American Jay Berger at \$415,000 US Men's Hardcourt Championships.

Doumbia, who recovered from a 0-3 third set deficit, credited his ability to deal with the blazing heat as temperatures topped 38 degrees Celsius and an on-court thermometer reached a sizzling 49 degrees.

"The heat made the difference," said Doumbia, who broke into the top 100 with a world ranking of 98 yesterday.

Fared

Three other seeded players to see first round action yesterday fared better than Berger.

American Derrick Rostagno, seeded 10, defeated France's Jean Fleurian 7-6 6-4, while 11th-seeded Australian John Frawley ousted American Andrew Burrow 6-1 7-6. American Jim Pugh, seeded 13, lost a second set tiebreak 3-7, but recovered to eliminate Grant Saacks of South Africa 6-3 6-7 6-1.

Doumbia wore down the 36th-ranked Berger, who was clearly more troubled by the heat in their two hours 16 minutes match.

"I knew he was kind of tired. He gave me a couple of points but I played well," said Doumbia. "I knew I was going to win, even when I was down 0-3 in the final set."

Berger seemed to have recovered his composure as he took a quick lead in the final set. But Doumbia ran off the next five games before the American managed to hold his serve in the ninth for 4-5.

Doumbia held his next serve, however, and won the match when a forehand hit the netcord and trickled over, well out of Berger's reach.

Meanwhile, top-seeded West German Boris Becker and veteran American Jimmy Connors praised the new surface at the championships after a practice workout yesterday that attracted more attention than many opening-round matches.

Becker and Connors played for about 45 minutes before about 250 spectators in hot, humid conditions.

Onlookers applauded after several points, saving their loudest ovation for an over-the-shoulder return by Connors after an overhead lob by Becker.

Becker, a two-time Wimbledon winner, was to begin play this evening against American

Todd Nelson, who yesterday eliminated South Africa's Gary Muller 6-4, 6-4. Connors begins play tomorrow.

The opening matches were the first on the new courts, which were installed at a cost of \$1 million after tournament officials chose to rip out the centre's clay courts and replace them with a rubber-coated asphalt surface. The switch was made to attract more top players by making the event a tuneup for the US Open, which begins later this month in Flushing Meadows, New York, on a similar surface.

Running

"They did a good job on the courts," Connors said. "Once they get played on, get some matches and some players running around on them, they'll be fine. You have to get that top layer off of it, but that will happen after a few matches. These courts are very nice. It's a great surface to get ready for the Open."

Becker's praise was more succinct. When asked what he thought of the court's he replied, "good."

Competition was light during yesterday's first round because of byes to the top eight seeds, including Becker, Connors, John McEnroe, Brad Gilbert and Tim Mayotte.

Durie and Hakami outlast opponents

SAN DIEGO, California, Aug. 2. (UPI) — Third seeded American Elly Hakami and Britain's Jo Durie, the eighth seed, were extended to three sets yesterday before claiming victories in the opening round of the \$100,000 Virginia Slims of San Diego.

Hakami, 18, a quarterfinalist in the tournament last year, beat unseeded compatriot Monique Javer 6-2, 3-6, 6-1. Durie, in search of her first singles title since 1983, rallied past American Camille Benjamin 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.

In other first-round matches, West German Christine Singer outclassed American Hu Na, 6-1, 6-0; Deborah Graham defeated US compatriot Andrea Holikova 6-2, 7-6 (7-0); American Cammi MacGregor downed Australian Michelle Jaggard 6-2, 6-3 and Eva Krapi, Switzerland, defeated American Maryanne Werdel 6-2, 7-6 (8-6).

Qualifier

Top-seeded American Patty Fendick was to play her first match this evening against qualifier Jennifer Santrock and No. 2 Stephanie Rehe was to meet Ronnie Reis of Miami in another all-American clash.

Sunday's winner in the 32-player weeklong tournament will collect \$17,000 and the runner-up \$8,500.

Last year's winners Raffaella Reggi of Italy and Anne Minter of Australia were absent from this year's tournament.

Hakami, ranked number 63 in the world, took the first set winning the final four games that included a pair of service breaks. Javer, however, scored the match by winning the second and forcing a third.

Hakami then measured up to the challenge by jumping out to a 4-0 lead and closing out the match.

"I started off well in the first set," Hakami said. "In the second, she hit a lot of good shots and I felt I was being pushed



Jo Durie

back. In the third set I began to attack more and she began to make more mistakes."

Durie, ranked 60th in the world, who admitted that she hates to play Benjamin because of her unorthodox style, let out a joy of relief on winning the two-hour, one-minute match.

"She's so tough for me to play because it's difficult for me to find rhythm against her," Durie said. "I never know where she's going to hit the ball. She can be brilliant at times and not so brilliant at others."

Straight

Durie turned her game around late in the second set. Down a set and trailing 4-2, the Briton ran off four straight games highlighted by surviving three break points in the seventh game that went to 14 points.

"That was the turning point in the match," Durie said. "I think she thought she had me at that point. When I won that set I sensed she was down on herself and found a chink in her armour."

Despite losing her serve twice in the final set, Durie, 28, was able to break Benjamin's serve all four times in the decisive third set.

"I just managed to hang in there well enough to win it," Durie said.

Sri Lanka settle for tame draw

LONDON, Aug. 2. (Reuters) — Sri Lanka made no attempt to chase a victory target of 245 in 155 minutes and settled for a tame draw with Middlesex at Lord's today.

Openers Roshan Mahanama and Amal Silva typified the touring side's reluctance to go for runs by producing only seven scoring strokes in reaching 13 without loss off 11 overs before tea.

The pattern remained unchanged until the three-day cricket match ended early with the total 80 for three.

Earlier, Keith Brown struck 107 not out in a Middlesex second innings total of 185 for two declared.

Middlesex, who led by 59 on the first innings, resumed this morning at 19 for no wicket and wasted no time in getting about the Sri Lanka bowling.

Dominant

John Carr hit three boundaries in the first four overs of the day but Brown then took the dominant role, stroking five fours in the first hour.

Sri Lanka finally got a badly-needed breakthrough when Carr moved too far inside the line and was bowled by seamer Athula Samarasekera for 39 out of an opening partnership of 110.

The promising Mark Ramprakash then joined Brown and after an anxious five balls finally hit a single to avoid the ignominy of a pair.

With the pressure off, Ramprakash struck three handsome boundaries in his 20 before Middlesex declared.

The tourists lost their captain Ranjan Madugalle who sustained a badly split finger on his right hand when flicking a ball in the slips.

Yesterday vice-captain Arjuna Ranatunga held the Sri Lankan first innings together with an excellent 84 to help the tourists recover to 265 all out.

Sri Lanka made a sound, if tedious, start when Roshan Mahanama and Amal Silva put on 77 for the first wicket.

Scoreboard

MIDDLESEX first innings 324 (J. Sykes 88, J. Emburey 43, R. Butcher 41, A. Fraser 41).

SRI LANKA first innings 265 (A. Ranatunga 84, A. Silva 42, R. Mahanama 40).

MIDDLESEX second innings (overnight 19 for no wicket) J. Carr b Samarasekera 39, R. Brown not out 107, M. Ramprakash lbw b Ratnayake 20, R. Butcher not out 10, Extras (lb-2 nb-7) 19.

Total (for two wickets, declared) 85. Fall of wickets: 1-110 2-166.

Bowling: Ratnayake 19-0-66-1, Ramprakash 5-0-36-0, Anurasi 10-4-17-0, Samarasekera 9-0-29-1, Ranatunga 8-2-12-0, Madumasinghe 4-0-23-0.

SRI LANKA second innings A. Silva c Brown b Emburey 13, R. Mahanama c Brown b Emburey 18, M. Samarasekera c Emburey b Tufnell 11, D. Mendis not out 12, A. De Silva not out 22.

Extras (lb-2 nb-2) 4. Total (for three wickets) 80. Fall of wickets: 1-23 2-40 3-44.

Bowling: Hughes 6-3-7-0, Carr 5-3-6-0, Emburey 13-5-26-2, Tufnell 14-5-37-1, Ramprakash 1-1-0-0.

Result: match drawn.

Gooch named as England captain

Cowdrey and Barnett out of Test

LONDON, Aug. 2. (Reuters) — Injuries have forced both captain Chris Cowdrey and debutant Kim Barnett to pull out of England's already beleaguered squad for the fifth and final cricket Test against West Indies starting on Thursday.

Cowdrey ruled himself out today because of a badly bruised foot and Barnett, tipped as a possible future England skipper, told manager Micky Stewart a hand injury would prevent him from playing.

Disarray

The double blow has left England, already 3-0 down in the five-match series, in disarray.

They had already lost the services of prime strike bowler Graham Dilley because of a knee injury and batsman Allan Lamb

is doubtful after tearing a calf muscle in the fourth Test.

Opener and vice-captain Graham Gooch was named to lead the side, becoming the fourth England skipper in the series and the selector also added all-rounder David Capel and Northamptonshire batsman Robert Bailey to the 13-man squad.

It will be Bailey's first Test appearance if he is chosen in the final 11.

Off-spinner John Emburey was appointed captain after Mike Gatting was sacked following a much publicised row over inviting a woman to his hotel room during the first Test.

But after two defeats, Emburey also lost the job and Cowdrey was appointed to lead the team.



Barnett: had been tipped as future captain

Queen Elizabeth honours Gatting

LONDON, Aug. 2. (AP) — Former England cricket captain Mike Gatting, sacked in June for entertaining a barmaid in a hotel room, was honoured by Queen Elizabeth II for services to his sport today when he was presented with a medal making him an officer of the Order of the British Empire.

Gatting's OBE was awarded 12 months ago in the Queen's 1987 birthday Honours List following a winter of triumph in Australia, where he regained the "Ashes," cricket's most coveted trophy, for his country.

Since then, however, Gatting's career has become embroiled in controversy — on and off the field.

First, in one of the sport's most heated exchanges, Gatting challenged the authority of

umpire Shakoor Rana during an England tour of Pakistan earlier this year. The incident held up the second Test match in Faisalabad and almost led to the England team returning home.

Gatting was reprimanded for his part in the affair, which prompted widespread debate throughout the cricketing world, but remained captain and went on to lead England to victory over the West Indies in three one-day internationals in May and early June.

But six weeks ago, he was fired after he admitted inviting a barmaid to his hotel room "for a drink" during the first Test match against the West Indies.

After sections of the British press alleged Gatting had been guilty of a more serious transgression, England selectors

sacked him, saying the 31-year-old Middlesex captain had behaved against the spirit of the game.

Last month, Gatting was reselected for England for the third Test match, but only as a team member. But afterwards, he faced another controversy, this time over his autobiography, which included references to the verbal tussle with umpire Rana.

The book was immediately banned by the country's cricketing authorities from sale at all major stadiums throughout the country.

After six months of adverse publicity, Gatting announced last week that he wanted no further role in Test cricket for another 12 months because he wanted to spend more time with his family.

Selection policy threatens stars

LONDON, Aug. 2. (AP) — British track and field chiefs are to stick with a controversial new Olympic selection policy that could leave stars like Steve Cram, Tessa Sanderson or Fatima Whitbread behind when the team departs for Seoul, and prevent two-time champion Sebastian Coe defending his 1,500 metre title.

Officials decided today to base selection for the September Games on this week's three-day national trials, in a first-past-the-post policy that has riled many of the nation's top athletes.

Traditionally, Britain's leading medal contenders have been pre-selected weeks in advance, giving them time to complete their training without interruption and leaving the trials to the nations remaining Olympic hopefuls.

Kent crash to first defeat in 11 matches

LONDON, Aug. 2. (Reuters) — English County Cricket Championship leaders Kent crashed to their first defeat in 11 matches today when they lost by an innings and 146 runs to Somerset.

Somerset paceman Neil Mallender finished with the remarkable figures of five for 12 as Kent were bowled out for 185 in their second innings.

Kent, 109 for five overnight, were all out shortly before lunch with Graham Cowdrey the only batsman to offer any resistance.

Cowdrey hit an unbeaten 65, his first half century in first class cricket since the opening match of the season.

Hobbled

Mallender bowled 18 overs, 12 of them maidens, and his final victim was England skipper Chris Cowdrey who hobbled in at number 11 with a runner but lasted only six balls before he was bowled for a duck.

Yesterday former England seamer Arnie Sidebottom hit 55 from just 68 balls to help Yorkshire to a 10 wickets win over Lancashire at Headingley in only two days in the annual Roses cricket match.

Sidebottom's first half century



Mallender: five for 12

in three seasons and a typically aggressive 77 from Jim Love took Yorkshire to 293 in their first innings, a lead of 139.

Sidebottom then took two quick wickets to send Lancashire reeling and the visitors could manage only 156 in their second innings.

Yorkshire, needing 18 to win, coasted to victory to end a sequence of 12 drawn Roses matches.

Once again the ball dominated the bat in the county championship with several candidates for the England tour party to India



Sidebottom: quick 55

later this year pressing their claims.

Gloucestershire's giant fast bowler David Lawrence returned a career best seven for 47 as he scythed through the Surrey batting at Cheltenham.

Surrey struggled to 115 in their second innings but that still left Gloucestershire needing 265 to win.

Surrey's West Indian paceman Sylvester Clarke, still one of the most fearsome bowlers on the county circuit, earlier took five for 44 in Gloucestershire's 163 for nine declared.

Clarke fractured two knuckles on Bill Athey's right hand and doctors said the 30-year-old batsman, dropped from England's side for the fifth Test against the West Indies, might not play again this season.

An action-packed day came to a premature end when Gloucestershire, 55 for no wicket in their second innings, left the field because the evening sun was glinting in the batsmen's eyes.

Other good pace bowling performances yesterday were returned by Worcestershire's Neil Radford, who took seven for 73 against Northamptonshire, and Leicestershire's Jonathan Agnew, who captured six for 117 against county champions Nottinghamshire.

Scores

At Eastbourne: Glamorgan 283 in 104.1 overs and 75 for three, Sussex 265 in 96 overs. (A. Pigott 52, A. Wells 50, P. Parker 46, N. Lenham 40, S. Watkin five for 89).

At Derby: Derbyshire 166 in 55 overs and 99 for three, Warwickshire 285 in 76.2 overs. (Asif Din 52, G. Humpage 52, A. Moles 50 not out, D. Banks 41, D. Malcolm six for 68).

At Worksop: Leicestershire

257 in 72.1 overs (F. Stephenson, six for 66) and 50 for one, Nottinghamshire 367 for eight declared 86 overs (D. Randall 134, F. Stephenson 57, J. Birch 44, J. Agnew six for 117).

At Worcester: Worcestershire 363 for six declared in 100 overs (M. Robinson four for 102), Northamptonshire 191 in 65.1 overs (D. Capel 70, A. Fordham 44, N. Radford seven for 73).

At Cheltenham: Surrey 312 in 90.2 overs and 115 (D. Lawrence seven for 47), Gloucestershire 163 for nine declared in 54.1 overs (K. Curran 52, S. Clarke five for 44) and 55 for no wicket.

At Headingley: result — Yorkshire beat Lancashire by 10 wickets. Lancashire 154 in 50.5 overs and 136 (N. Fairbrother 43, S. Fletcher four for 36), Yorkshire 293 in 93.5 overs (J. Love 77, A. Sidebottom 55, P. Allott five for 85) and 18 for no wicket. Yorkshire 23 points, Lancashire five.

At Canterbury: Somerset beat Kent by an innings and 146 runs. Somerset 452 for four declared in 133 overs, Kent 121 in 43.5 overs and 185 (G. Cowdrey 65 not out, N. Mallender for 12). Somerset 23 points, Kent one.

Lewis and Joyner-Kersey to take part in Brussels GP

BRUSSELS, Aug. 2. (Reuters) — Quadruple Olympic champion Carl Lewis and world heptathlon and long jump champion Jackie Joyner-Kersey will both take part in the Brussels Grand Prix on August 19, organisers said this evening.

Compete

Promoter Wilfried Meert told a news conference that Lewis would compete in the 200 metres while Joyner-Kersey would take part in the long jump.

Norway's world 10,000 metres women's champion Ingrid Kristiansen and Sweden's men's high jump champion Patrik Sjoeborg will also compete.

Meert said American Florence Griffith-Joyner, who smashed the world women's 100 metres record at the US trials, had planned to run a 400 metres race.

But he said her position was not now clear after her split last week with coach Bob Kersee.

Incredible reach semifinals

INCREDIBLE XI moved into the semifinals of the 10th United Goans Football Tournament with a 3-1 victory over Salcate United at the Sour grounds on Friday.

Incredible, the holders, tried hard to get the goals from the start and launched repeated attacks through Robin and Peter.

The Salcate defence proved weak when Robin and Jovito struck goals within minutes of each other. Salcate, however, did not lose heart and reduced the

SPORTS BRIEFS

£400,000 bid

GLASGOW, Scotland, Aug. 2. (UPI) — Glasgow Rangers have rejected a £400,000 (\$680,000) bid from Chelsea for former England soccer international Graham Roberts. The decision will upset the defender, who has recently been embarrassed by being forced to travel with the reserves for friendlies.

Olympic champion

VIA REGGIO, Italy, Aug. 2. (UPI) — Brazil's 800 metre Olympic champion Joaquim Cruz hopes to regain his winning form at an international track and field meet tomorrow. Cruz, who won the gold in Los Angeles in 1 minute 43.00 seconds has failed to find his old pace following a tendon operation.

Jeff Fenech

MELBOURNE, Australia, Aug. 2. (UPI) — WBC world featherweight champion, Jeff Fenech, says he is delighted with the improvement to his injured right hand.

Italian press

NAPLES, Italy, Aug. 2. (UPI) — The Italian press yesterday compared the patching-up of differences between Napoli soccer captain Diego Maradona and coach Ottavio Bianchi to the Reagan-Gorbachev summit.

Soccer friendly

ATHENS, Aug. 2. (UPI) — Scottish Premier Division club Dundee United scored a 2-1 victory over AEK of Greece in a soccer friendly in front of 25,000 fans last night.

Brazilian player

ROME, Aug. 2. (UPI) — After warming up with four goals in a weekend practice match for Italian club Roma, new Brazilian acquisition Renato plans to score one for the Pope in his next match.

Chelsea's appeal

LONDON, Aug. 2. (UPI) — Chelsea soccer club's appeal against a hefty fine and closure of its terraces because of crowd trouble will be heard Aug. 11.

Czech defectors

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Aug. 2. (AP) — Almost a week after vanishing from their club during a warmup tourney in West Germany, two leading Czechoslovak soccer players reported by the official media to have defected to Britain still were missing.

Kuwait delegation

THE Kuwait Olympic Committee on Monday discussed in its meeting, chaired by Sheikh Salman Al Hamoud Al Sabah, the preparation of the Kuwaiti delegation for the Olympics in Seoul from Sept 17 to Oct 2.

W. German star

SAINT VINCENT, Italy, Aug. 2. (AP) — West German tennis star Steffi Graf said she is "almost certain" to become the third woman ever to achieve the Grand Slam — winning the four major tournaments during the same season.

Australian swimmer

BRISBANE, Australia, Aug. 2. (UPI) — Australian swimmer Jon Sieben has his sights set on retaining the Olympic 200m butterfly title he won at Los Angeles four years ago.